Romans Lesson 11

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INTRODUCTION

- There are some who've described Romans chapter 5, verses 12 through 21 as perhaps the most difficult section of the book of Romans.
- Out of this chapter has come an idea that man is born in sin.
- When people look at that doctrine, it all begins on the premise, do we inherit sin?

1 The Text Does Not Say We Inherit Adam's Sin

Romans 5:12–14; 1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 9:27

- Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.
- The text does not say that we inherit Adam's sin. It says Adam brought sin into the world.
- If by one man poisoned gas entered a room, and death by gas, all died, for all inhale the gas. Is that the same as saying all brought the gas into the room?
- Adam was guilty of sin. We're not guilty, or we do not inherit that sin.
- It doesn't teach universal salvation. If it doesn't teach that, neither does it teach universal condemnation.

2 We're Not Born in Sin

Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 19:14; 2 Peter 3:9

- We start this world as individuals who are safe in a relationship with God without sin.
- Here he says death reigned even over those who did not sin like Adam.
- The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Then it says, the son shall not bear the iniquity of the Father, nor the Father bear the iniquity of the Son.
- He did not inherit Adam's sin, neither do you inherit Adam's sin.
- Children don't inherit Adam's sin, and they in fact are safe in the arms of the loving God.

3 What Was Lost in Adam Was Regained in Christ

Romans 5:15–17; Genesis 3

- We see a contrast between what Adam brought into the world and what Jesus Christ brought in the world.
- Christ versus Adam, life versus death, obedience versus disobedience.
- The most basic point to be understood is that what was lost in Adam was regained in Christ.
- While sin brought death, the death of Christ brought life.

4 The Grace of God and the Gift of God

Ephesians 2:1–10; Romans 5:18–21

- Five times the word grace appears. Six times the word gift, the gift of God, appears.
- By grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.
- God's part is by grace. Man's part is by faith. But it's a faith that really obeys.
- As extensive as sin is, that's how extensive the grace of God is.
- But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

5 Christ Provided a Ransom for All Men

Matthew 7:13–14; 1 Timothy 2:4–6

- What he's really saying here is that the free gift is made possible for all men.
- Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth unto destruction, and many there be that go in thereat.
- What this passage does teach is that Christ provided a ransom for all men. That's the real message here.
- God wants all men to be saved. In verse 6, Christ died as a ransom for all.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you obeyed the gospel by faith? May you rejoice how that his grace is even for you.**

MY NOTES