

Genesis 3:1-7 ; Romans 5:12-21

0. Prelude - Review of Romans thus far

A. Doctrines - **Romans 1-8**

1. Sin - **Romans 1-3**
2. Salvation - **Romans 4-5**
3. Sanctification - **Romans 6-8**

B. To sum it up neatly, Romans is:

1. Faith (**Romans 1-8**) - in that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He did shed His blood, died, buried and rose again so we could be with the Father forever

I. Adam Was The First - Lay the groundwork for Adam so we can full compare Adam to Christ

A. Headship Given To Man **Genesis 1:26-30; 2:15-25**

- . made in His Image **Gen 1:26**
- . subdue and dominion **Gen 1:26**
- . work and accomplish **Gen 2:15**
- . Keeper of the Law **Gen 2:16-17**
- . given a helper **Gen 2:18**
- . headship over his bride **Gen 3:9**

B. The Fall of Man **Genesis 3:1-6**

1. Mistake #1: Religion **Genesis 3:1-3**
 - a. Adam adds more to God's commandment
 - b. Satan takes advantage

2. Sermon of the first false teacher, Satan **Genesis 3:4-5**
 - a. Satan's role: for you to die quicker
 - b. Still didn't have to lie because God declared the knowledge of good and evil later in **Genesis 3:22**
 - c. Taking scripture out of context and twisting it for his own gain
 - d. Not unlike how we humans will take Scripture out of context just to justify our sin
 - i. "Where two or more gathered in my name, I will be there"?
 - ii. God is already us because He is everywhere through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. That is taken from **Matthew 18:15-20** where Jesus is speaking about church discipline(!)
 - iv. If we take that out of context, does that mean if we are praying by ourselves for something we need, that Jesus is not

there?

3. Mistake #3-6 **Genesis 3:6a**
 - a. gluttony - **So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,**
 - b. lust - **and that it was a delight to the eyes**
 - c. pride - **and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise...**
 - d. disobedience - **she took of the fruit and ate it...**

4. Mistake #2
 - a. ungodly husband - **Genesis 3:6b**
 - b. was given headship in the marriage (love, care, nurture, encouragement, instruction)
 - c. Adam allowed Satan to speak to his wife
 - d. Adam did nothing when Eve reached out for the fruit
 - e. Adam submits to the his wife and disobeys God
 - f. God comes looking for Adam - **Genesis 3:9**
 - g. God curses woman to master her husband - **Genesis 3:16**
 - h. God curses man to rule over his wife - **Genesis 3:16**

5. Promise out of curses - **Genesis 3:15**
 - a. very first announcement of the gospel of Jesus Christ
 - b. theological word for today is "Protoevangelium".

C. Death reigns until... **Romans 5:12-14**
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

1. Sin - Because of Adam...
Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, (what death are we talking about? not just the flesh but spiritual) **and so death spread to all men because all sinned--**
 - a. We are all born dead.
 - b. Our spirits are not alive
 - c. We are not seeking, not chasing, not desiring God
 - d. We do desire to worship according to **Ecclesiastes 3:11** but not instinctively for God

2. Even without law, our sin was still the death of us
Romans 5:13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.
 - a. Sin preceded the Mosaic law (from **Genesis 3** to **Exodus 20**)

b. Not technically but we still died according to:

Romans 2:12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law...

c. But all Gentiles still have conscience (**Romans 2:14-15**)

1. We knew it is wrong to kill, steal and covet
2. God still judged the wicked i.e. The Flood, Tower of

Babel

3. To further proved that point:

Romans 5:14 Yet death reigned for Adam to Moses (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23), even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

a. Self-righteousness '**even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam**'

1. "I not perfect but I am doing so much better than I was 10 years ago, 1 year ago"
2. "better than I was last week. I have all of my junk under control. I can do this!"
3. "I may not be perfect but at least I'm not like that guy." **Luke 18:9-14**

In my life, it is like this. You know about my former addiction to porn and yet my continue struggles with lust. Is it because I do less sinning makes me a better person? Does that make me more godly? I stop surfing for porn on the Internet... am I godly then? Not when I can recall every single porn pic and video back into my head like a rolodex. It is like the alcoholic who doesn't take another drink for the rest of his life and yet he sits and does nothing but thinks about taking another swig. Or it is like the young girl who knows that her ex-boyfriend is not the godly man that God has given her but she sits all day and thinks about him and that her love will change him.

Like, let me take a survey of all those who became Christians and was made instantly perfect. No hands? We are all sinners and yet Christ died for us. Then Christ comes into our hearts, by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and make us more like Him, not necessarily better than we once were because what we were before were sinful, wicked, hell-worthy individuals. It is the fact that Jesus Christ is the only one who saves, heals and restores us to new. We are new creatures in Christ with renewed hearts and renewed minds. The purpose of sanctification is not that we become better folk but the entire purpose of sanctification is so that we are evidence of the glory of the awesome power of Jesus Christ.

b. true righteousness - Jesus Christ is the '**... type of the one who was to come**'

II. Adam vs Jesus

A. See what Paul does here as we read verses 15-21

Adam	Jesus
15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass,	much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.
16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation,	but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.
17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man,	much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.
18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,	so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,	so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass,	but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
21 so that, as sin reigned in death,	grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. One man's trespass

1. **Romans 5:15-19** gets summed up in:

1 Peter 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

2. Think not of a plant seed but seed from a male

3. We're all physically born from the seed of the male but because of that, we were to die

4. If you are Christian, repent of sin and call upon Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, then you are now born again, this time of an imperishable seed i.e. the Spirit of God

5. That seed is planted into your heart and by the power of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ himself, start to grow and change your heart

C. Law and Grace,

Romans 5:20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

1. Boaz (Israelite) by all laws and cultural standards should have and could have nothing to do with Ruth (whose people would sacrifice humans for a demon name Chemosh)

2. Where law, religions and fundamentalist types would have left Ruth out to work the fields alone and no care for the widow who has lost not only her husband but her two sons

3. Boaz, in his love for Ruth, steps up to love, protect, nurture, look over, watch out for, care for Ruth just as a godly husband would.

4. As a godly man of worth, he steps up to take care of his distant relative who has lost everything but her daughter-in-law

5. Jesus Christ, with unbounded love, grace, mercy and compassion, steps down from His eternal glory to come down to earth, offer up His life so that He could love, protect, nurture, look over, watch out for and care for us.

6. Jesus Christ loves us all that much.

D. Death and Life

Romans 5:21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. Why we should contend for the gospel of Jesus Christ

2. That there is hope for all who don't know him yet or know him and yet don't want anything to do with Him

3. That sin, death, hell, demons and Satan no longer reign

4. The kingdom of Jesus Christ is here now.

5. Jesus Christ is sitting now, at the right hand of the Father, no longer the meek, humble, servant but the absolute King of kings and Lord of lords, in His full glory and honour and majesty forever and forever.

6. Jesus Christ will make everything right standing with him in truth, justice, love, mercy, grace, holiness and righteousness.

C. Christ fulfilled what Adam did not and could not

1. made in His Image ***Gen 1:26***

... compared to image of Christ

1 Cor 11:7 "man is the image and glory of God"

2 Cor 4:4 "Christ, who is the image of God"

Rom 8:29 "... Those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers"

2. subdue and dominion **Gen 1:26**

... compared to **"the one like the Son of Man... was given dominion and glory and a kingdom" Dan 7:13-14**

**"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
Matt 28:18**

3. Work and Accomplish **Gen 2:15**

... **"Christ, who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you." Phi 1:6**

4. Keeper of the Law **Gen 2:16-17**

... compared to **"I have come not to abolish the Law or to Prophets... but to fulfill them" Matt 5:17**

5. given a Helper

... compared to **"I will ask my Father and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever" John 14:16**

6. headship over his bride

... compared to **"Husbands, love your wives, give yourself up for her, care for her, cherish her... just as I, Christ, love my bride, gave myself up for her, caring for her, cherish her and sanctify her and cleanse her so that I might one day marry her"
Ephesians 5:25-33, Rev 19:6-10**

III. Q&A

1. Despite Adam and Eve's disobedience, God already a plan in place to save all of mankind and He preaches to them the first instance of the gospel (protoevangelium) of Jesus Christ. When was the first time you heard the gospel of Christ?

2. We see not only the first time the gospel is mention, we notice at the beginning of chapter 3, we have the first instance of false preaching and teaching from Satan. Can you share an instance where you have heard preaching and teaching that was not of the Word of God?

3. What is the result of being born in this world i.e. being born as a descendent of Adam?

4. What is the result of being born in the Spirit by Jesus Christ?

5. Testimony: When Christ came into your life, what was the one

thing in your life that was radically different that was evidence of Christ work upon your heart and your mind?

6. Personal: I want to you think about self-righteousness versus true righteousness of Jesus Christ. Ask yourself: am I comparing myself doing less sinful stuff versus when I was back in high school or college or even last week? Or when was the moment that I knew I had no inclination to the lifestyle, to habitual sin, to past attitudes, to bitterness, to anything that was not like Christ?