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Romans 5:12-21

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Romans 5:12-21 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— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 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. -

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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. -

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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. -

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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. (ESV)

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I. The problem is sin.

A. Adam brought sin into the world.

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man,

- *Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,*

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I. The problem is sin.

B. Sin brought death into the world.

and death through sin,

- *Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*
- *1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

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I. The problem is sin.

C. Sin is an incessant hereditary contagion.

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- *Deuteronomy 5:9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,*

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- *Exodus 34:7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.*

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- *Jeremiah 32:18-19 You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, 19 great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds.*

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- *Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- *Ecclesiastes 7:20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.*

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I. The problem is sin.

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- *1 John 1:8-10 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

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II. The solution is Christ.

A. His righteousness brings grace to us.

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- *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*
- *2 Corinthians 9:15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!!*

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B. His righteousness results in our justification.

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II. The solution is Christ.

B. His righteousness results in our justification.

- *Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.*
- *James 1:15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*

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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.

- *John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

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- *John 16:33 ...In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.*
- *Matthew 11:29-30 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

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II. The solution is Christ.

D. His righteousness always overcomes our sin.

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,

- *Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him...*

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II. The solution is Christ.

E. His righteousness brings us eternal life.

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

- *1 Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” —*

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The solution is Christ.

His righteousness brings grace to us resulting in our justification and enabling us to reign in life with Him now. His righteousness always overcomes our sin and ultimately results in our eternal life with Him.

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