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Adam and Christ

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—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.

READ | ROMANS 5:12–14

THINK ABOUT

These three verses deal with the important question of whether we are basically good people or basically evil. Paul has made it abundantly clear that we are all sinners. But why is sin universal? In chapter five, Paul presents Adam and Christ to explain how it is possible for one man’s death on the cross to bring justification to many. Paul also demonstrates the consequences of Adam’s sin.

It was through Adam that sin came into the world. Read Genesis 3. The result of sin coming into the world is that death comes to all of us — because we have all sinned in Adam.

So sin brings death: physical, spiritual, and eternal.

People died even before the Mosaic law was given (v. 14).

APPLY

Every day we are confronted with our sin. We must also deal with our mortality: death is universal. It is only through Jesus Christ that we can receive eternal life and salvation.

Praise Jesus Christ who comes to save and rescue us from the sin, condemnation, and death which came through Adam.

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ASK

What good (and bad) characteristics did you inherit from your ancestors?

How is it that death has “spread” to everyone (v. 12)?

Explain why babies die even though they have not sinned?

Why is it you never have to teach a child to say “no”?

Do we sin because we are sinners, or are we sinners because we sin?

PRAY

Thank you, Lord that through faith in Jesus Christ I may receive eternal life.

Knowing that at any moment I may pass from time into eternity, help me to appreciate every day.



SING

“And Can It Be?” — Wesley

“ADAM AND CHRIST”

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CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU;
IN PAIN YOU SHALL EAT OF IT
ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE;

THORNS AND THISTLES IT SHALL BRING FORTH FOR YOU;
AND YOU SHALL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD,

BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR FACE
YOU SHALL EAT BREAD,

TILL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND,
FOR OUT OF IT YOU WERE TAKEN;

FOR YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.

GENESIS 3:17-19