

If Anyone Be In Christ

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Scripture Study

Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned: (ASV)

✠ Most of us associate sin with bad daily conduct which is partly right. However sin is far more reaching than just bad daily conduct. It became the very nature of man and was passed to all mankind through Adam's transgression. If you were born in this earth you were born into sin.

13 [To be sure] sin was in the world before ever the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress]. (AMP)

14 Yet death held sway from Adam to Moses [the Lawgiver], even over those who did not themselves transgress [a positive command] as Adam did. Adam was a type (prefigure) of the One Who was to come [in reverse, the former destructive, the latter saving]. (AMP)

✠ Before the law, sin was a spiritual condition passed down from generation to generation. Because of one man's trespass all had sinned. Adam's sin would be charged to all mankind, even over those who did not transgress any law.

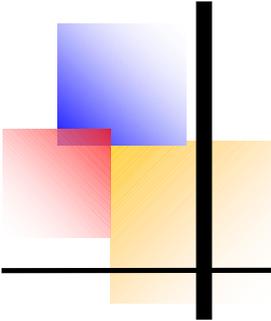
15 But not as the trespass, so also (is) the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many. (ASV)

16 And not as through one that sinned, (so) is the gift: for the judgment (came) of one unto condemnation, but the free gift (came) of many trespasses unto justification. (ASV)

17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, (even) Jesus Christ. (ASV)

✠ Because of the trespass death [sin nature] reigned [exercised sovereign power] over all mankind. In contrast they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign [exercise sovereign power] in life through Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through one trespass (the judgment came) unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness (the free gift came) unto all men to justification of life. (ASV) 19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him). (AMP)



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20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: (KJV)

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. (KJV)

2 Corinthians 5:21 Him who knew no sin he made (to be) sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him. (ASV)

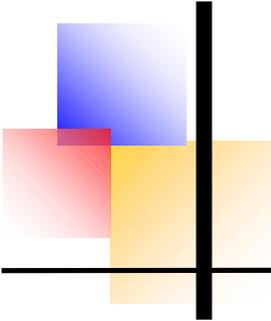
✠ God used the law to completely and unconditionally expose [uncover] any and every transgression. The law was rigid and harsh and no one could live up to it's requirements. Severe judgment would be the end result. Every transgression had to be exposed to insure that there would be an abundance [over flow, flood] of grace sufficient to settle the account forever. A man without sin was required to make the plan of redemption complete. God couldn't entrust this matter to anyone but Himself. (Read the extra credit).

✠ The woman gives maturity to the seed, but the life is in the seed of the man. The seed of man was now corrupt because of Adam's transgression. The law of Genesis states everything will produce after it's own kind. This is why Jesus had to be born of a virgin with the seed [nature] of the Father coming from the Holy Ghost. This allowed Jesus to be born without Adam's sin nature. Jesus' next challenge would be to keep the law without fail. Just one slip and God's plan would fail and man would be lost forever.

Colossians 2:13,14

13 And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), [God] brought to life together with [Christ], having [freely] forgiven us all our transgressions,

14 Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross. (AMP)



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✠ When we settle a debt, paid in full is stamped on the note. God took it one step farther. He not only settled the account, He erased the hand writing on the note. There is no evidence that we ever owed anything. When God forgives He forgets. THANK YOU JESUS!

Romans 8:4,5,12,13

- 4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].
- 5 For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. (AMP)

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh:

13 for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (ASV)

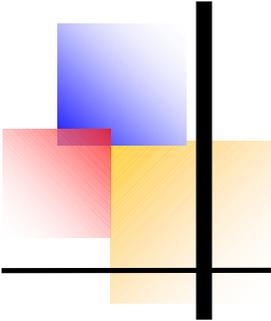
✠ The requirements of the law are just and righteous. Only through the Spirit can you meet it's requirements. Notice the separation he is making between the flesh and the spirit. If we choose to live after the flesh we will die. But if we live after the spirit we will live.

Colossians 3:1-4

- 1 If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.
- 2 Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth.
- 3 For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- 4 When Christ, (who is) our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory. (ASV)

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

✠ Learn to identify with the nature you received from God instead of the nature you received from Adam. Paul said, they that have ceased from sin have suffered in the flesh. Paul brought his body into subjection.



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Matthew 10:39 Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life]. (AMP)

Ephesians 4:24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. (AMP)

1 Peter 1:23 You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God. (AMP)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! (AMP)

✠ We are a three part being (1 Thess 5:23). You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body. We are still waiting for the redemption of our body (Rom 8:23). Your soul consists of your mind, will and emotions. "...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save #4982 your souls." (James 1:21) We have to allow the Word to renew our thoughts, govern our will and emotions and bring our flesh into subjection. Your spirit has been changed. That which is born of spirit is spirit. You are a new creation. The very life of your Father flows through your veins.

Note: ^4982^ to save, to heal, to make whole, the idea is that of saving from disease and its effects. (The salvation of the soul is a process not a rebirth).

I John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. (KJV)

I John 3:5,6,9

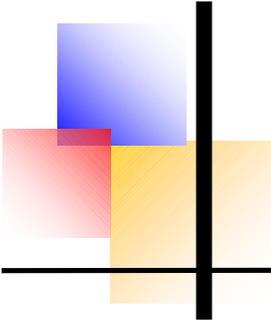
5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him.

ASV)

9 No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God. (AMP)

✠ John tells us if we abide in Him we don't sin. He even goes on to say if we do sin we don't know God. Notice how John is bringing attention to the nature [life] of God that was given to you at birth. GOD IS NOW YOUR FATHER!



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1 John 1:8-9

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (ASV)

✠ 1 John 3:6 seems to contradict 1 John 1:8. In order to understand this seeming contradiction you must understand what Paul was teaching in Romans 8:4,5,12,13. You have a choice to live after the flesh and die, or to abide in Him and be free from sin. In your flesh man you have no righteousness or merit, but thank God He didn't leave you by yourself; you are in Him and He is in you. What God did in Jesus was greater than what Satan did in Adam. If you live in the spirit you won't fulfill the lust of the flesh. John didn't say you won't ever sin, he said it is not your nature to sin for the nature of God is in you. He goes on to say if we do sin [give in to our carnal nature] we can confess our sin and He will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. When you were born of God you were changed into something entirely new. I was an old sinner that was saved by grace. Now I have been made the righteousness of God in Him.

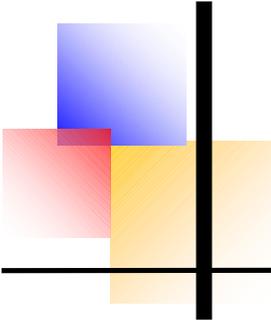
✠ The unsaved have to play by different rules. They have not been reborn, they are not a new creation, they still have Adam's nature. They are without hope and without God.

Word study

Regenerate - To reform spiritually or morally. To form, construct, or create anew, especially in an improved state. To give new life or energy to; revitalize. To become formed or constructed again. To undergo spiritual conversion or rebirth; reform. Formed or created anew. Restored to a better state; refreshed or renewed.

Justify - To demonstrate or prove to be just, right, or valid. To declare free of blame; absolve. Theology. To free (a human being) of the guilt and penalty attached to grievous sin. Used only of God.

Righteous - Morally upright; without guilt or sin. In accordance with virtue or morality. Morally justifiable.



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Study Questions

1. Adam was a type (prefigure) of the One Who was to come. True or false.
2. Using the word study to assist you expound on Romans 5:18.
3. Refer to Colossians 3:1-4 and Ephesians 2:6 and expound on these two verses.
4. Complete the following verse. "Him who knew no sin he made _____."
5. Complete the following verse. "Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] _____."
6. Using the word study to assist you expound on Ephesians 4:24 and 1 Peter 1:23.
7. Complete the following verse. "For if, by the trespass of the one, _____."
8. What did God reveal to you in your study?

Extra Blessing

(Study to show yourself approved unto God 2 Timothy 2:15)

Isaiah 9:6 1 Timothy 3:16
John 1:1,14 Romans 8