

How It Begins for All

- *as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus **death spread** to all men, **because all** sinned — Rom 5:12-13*
- How did death spread? It was not automatic. God did not do it. Death spread BECAUSE ALL (every individual – one at a time) sinned.
- Paul's Example.
- ***I was alive** once without the law, but when **the commandment came, sin revived and I died.***
*¹⁰ And **the commandment**, which was **to bring life, I found to bring death.** Rom 7:9-11*

How Death Spread

Started with a single man ... Adam

How did death spread??????

because all sinned:

The Process explained:

(1) All (*born*) alive

(2) commandment came...

(3) sin revived (*literally came alive*) ...

(4) I died ...

(5) command given to bring life brought death.

Verification

- 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.** ... 20
The soul who sins shall die. The **son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son.** The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. Ezek 18: 4, 20

Our Spirit came from God

- We were born sinless – can't bear iniquity of the father so no means to become a sinner.
- One day (we may not ever remember) the commandment came (age of accountability).
- We knew it was wrong (conscience knew), but we chose to do it anyway.
- This command (as in the garden) was given to keep alive, but the flesh saw it as more enticing so it became the means of death.
- Once sin was born... James 1:

Sin Came Alive

- *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. James 1:14-16*
- Same process for everyone.
- Whether it is the first time when the commandment came or the 70 x 7th It is always the same.

No Need for Immaculate Conception

- No one is born a sinner!
- All make the choice to sin.
- Jesus refused to make that choice!
- *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Heb 4:15*
- Jesus was faced with the same forces as Eve.
- He simply made a different choice than Adam (who knew) or Eve (who was deceived)

Tempted in All Points Like We Are

- *the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2, 13*
- Satan did exactly what he did with Eve.
- Sought to tempt Jesus to violate a command
- Stones to Bread... Fall down and worship... cast self off temple. Flesh, eyes, Pride.
- Jesus quoted the Scripture He would violate and refused. But that didn't end it.
- *And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

Make NO Mistake

- We bear the full responsibility for what we are today!
- It is not Adam's fault I am a sinner.
- It is not my parents fault I am a sinner.
- I am not a victim.
- I created this mess, God demands that through his grace and the power of the gospel that I clean it up to the very best of my ability.

Know the truth and be made FREE

- We ARE responsible:
- *Beloved, I beg **you** as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain** from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 1 Peter 2:11-12*
- ***You** ... Therefore **put to death your members** which are on the earth: Col 3:5*
- ***you put off**, concerning your former conduct, **the old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that **you put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Eph 4:22-24*

Don't Be Deceived

- God wants it clearly understood that it is just the opposite of the error taught today.
- *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Gal 6:7-8*
- We are responsible for our conduct...
- There is no once saved always saved...
- There are **GRAVE** consequences to choices!

Can't Rely on Grace Alone

- Many believe we should be comforted and not be concerned because of God's grace.
- What did God intend grace to teach us:
- *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, Titus 2:11-14*
- God intended that we should learn (be taught) by His grace to deny (*say No, decline, refuse*) ungodliness. Live sober, righteous, godly life

A False use of Grace

- *ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness (a license to freely sin without remorse) and deny (reject and contradict) the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 4*
- Multitudes today are doing this.
- God's grace is a license to freely sin, because God loves us and He will use Jesus blood to cover all sin whether we feel remorse, repent and confess or not.

- *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Rom 8:5-8*

We Have an Obligation & Duty

- *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. Rom 8:12-13*
- We can only put to death by self-control, discipline and by repenting and confession when we fail and sin