

Romans: The Gospel

Through One Man

Romans 5:12-21

How much affect does one man have?

- Caesar? Roman empire, catholicism
- Alexander Graham Bell? comms
- Abraham Lincoln? slavery
- Elon Musk? Space travel, elec cars
- Barack Obama? Healthcare, wars
- Trump?
- Languages, peoples change
- One's choices affect yours
- **Freedom is choice/ability to choose**

What about each of our dads?

Present or absent, How much affect?

Guy who led Billy Graham to the Lord...

Our own sphere of influence

bigger than we realize.

We don't know who's watching or what impact it'll have.

Second Glance / IAWL

Cascade of our decisions
Decision trees

Butterfly flaps its wings

[Pray]

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Adam sinned bringing it into the world
Because the world was given to us

Death didn't exist, death caused by sin
Broken creation

Sin passed down through the father

Jesus' father was God

And because we all are born into sin, have sin passed down to us, we all sin and we all die

David

Psa 51:5 - Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

James on Sin

Jas 1:15 - Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Man born blind

Jhn 9:34 - They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Sin is like a disease Spiritual disease

Leprosy

(describe **disease, outcast, OT healing instruction, healings** OT & NT)
"always a prescription for healing the incurable"

90s, Alcoholism, "disease" - no, not caught

Spiritual virus

Virus vs. bacteria
Pandemic. Plandemic?

The disease of sin has infected the entire human race

When we are deceived we sin and a main purpose of sin is to deceive

Sin's aim is to kill, but not before it infects others
(bad virus, too lethal, too quick)

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Dispensation - act of dispensing
Pez dispenser, take all you want, eat all...

Until Moses, the judgment for sin was evident: by death (itself)

10 out of 10 people will die

If you die, which you will, one way or another
 (your own fault or someone else's),
it's because of sin.

It's proof Adam's sin makes you a sinner.

Life after death
 Hell split, Jesus preached, resurrection,
 Locked away, released, final judgment,
 eternal torment

We have to be taught to be good.
 children

History of sin - Adam to Moses

- Oral tradition
- The flood
- Pentateuch written by Moses

It was clear we were meant to live, not meant to die

Cain Abel sacrifice
 Vegetarian until the flood

It was an age of grace, in a sense

Sin spread quickly - Noah, the flood

- 1656 years from Creation to the flood
- 2352 from flood to Jesus
- 2030 from Jesus to us

Roughly 6000 years

2 Pet 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that **with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

God likes His patterns, designs
 Marriage - the church
 Days of creation - total time of creation?

Day of rest coming...
who will be in charge? Jesus.
Millennial reign.

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Death reigned

We were meant to reign!
 but our sin turned over the keys

Hell is not satan's kingdom,
earth is
 Hell is final judgment, death and
wrath reserved for the angels who rebelled

The deception is to get us to go there of our own desire!

"Hell's a party, all my friends there..."
No, it isn't! It's eternal wrath.

Deceived by sin
chained by our fallen flesh

Adam as a type of Christ

First man Adam - "man"

Made in God's image - historical man

Heb 2:7a You have made him a little lower than the angels;

<p>1 Corinthians 15:22,45 - For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.... And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.</p>	<p>Now we're born again into the image of <u>Jesus</u></p> <p>It's a good tell of where you're at Spiritual sick, or spiritually healthy</p> <p><u>Which man do you look more like?</u></p>
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<p>:15</p> <p>Free gift is not like the offense</p> <p>Adam gave us the curse of his sin,</p> <p><i>Do you look like your mom or dad? What resemblance? Siblings?</i></p> <p>Not sure exactly what Adam looked like Genetically had all the info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even Eve came from Adam • Spouses look alike (looking for helpmate) <p><u>Shouldn't just look like what we want but should look like us spiritually</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual brothers and sister <p>Whether we physically look like Adam or not doesn't matter.</p> <p><u>We look exactly like him spiritually.</u></p> <p><i>Eve deceived, Adam sinned</i></p> <p>unrighteousness, disobedience unto death, which gives us death</p> <p>Jesus gave us the blessing of His obedience unto death, righteousness, which gives us life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin given whether we like it or not • Righteousness received only if we want it <p>Sin costs us a lot <u>Eventually everything</u></p> <p>Relationships, righteousness, health, life, fortune</p> <p>Prodigal son, coming to the end of himself</p> <p>Really, end of his sin (choosing God isn't even selfless, it's self preservation) His sin destroyed everything It was only then he repented</p> <p>Unfortunately, that's what it takes in some of our lives</p> <p>Don't enable someone to continue living in their sin</p> <p>Righteousness is priceless</p> <p>Free for us, cost Jesus everything</p> <p>Why are we so skeptical of a free gift? Because we know there's no free lunch. We know it's not really free. Someone had to pay for it</p> <p><i>Lie of "free" stuff from government It was taken from someone else</i></p>
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<p><u>Even in God's government</u> Your freedom cost Jesus his blood</p> <p>If one man Adam could get everyone under the curse</p>	<p>How much more can one God-man Jesus get everyone out! Grace!</p> <p><u>Let's compare Adam with Jesus</u></p>
<p>Adam</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Made in God's image Gen 1:26 2. God is His Creator, made innocent 3. Made to tend the garden, rule 4. Born in a garden 5. Made to fellowship in a garden 6. Made to glorify God 7. Fully human 8. Eve taken out of his body to be his bride (deep sleep, like death) 9. Died because of a tree 10. Father of all living <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living soul 2. Flesh given a spirit 3. Origin earth 4. Dead in Adam 5. Head of old creation 6. Ultimately Disobedient <p>Results</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sin 2. Death 3. Judgment 4. Condemnation 5. Work <p><u>The Bible is not an accident.</u></p>	<p>Jesus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Image of the invisible God Col 1:15 2. God is His Father, no sin passed 3. Firstborn over all creation, rules all 4. Resurrected in a garden 5. Fav place praying in a garden 6. Glorifies God 7. Fully human 8. Church created from his death and resurrection to be His bride 9. Died on a tree 10. Firstborn from the dead, all become sons through him <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life giving spirit 2. Spirit given flesh 3. Origin heaven 4. Alive in Christ 5. Head of new creation 6. Ultimately Obedient <p>Results</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Righteousness 2. Life 3. Forgiveness (grace, mercy) 4. Justification 5. Rest <p><u>It's not made up. It's reality.</u></p>

<p>God's Will and Our Free Will</p> <p>Just because God knows what we'll choose Doesn't mean he makes us choose it <i>(Giving my kids choices)</i></p> <p>Just because we don't choose it Doesn't mean God didn't make a way for you to have it</p>	<p>Gift of Grace To many</p> <p>To all - but how many want it? Anyone who wants it, can have it.</p> <p><i>"When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." - Bonhoeffer</i></p>
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**Condemnation or justification?
Which do you want?**

**That's Romans.
That's the Gospel.**

**Sin condemns
The gift justifies**

(just as if I never)

**If you feel condemned,
it's your sin
Not God**

Remember the Holy Spirit's work

Jhn 16:8-11 - "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

judgment a result of sin of unbelief
(unpardonable Mt 12, Mark 3, Luke 12)

- **Adam is the sinner**
- **Satan is the accuser**
- **Jesus is the justifier**

Christian's bar of soap

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People say

"Don't judge me"

"Only God is my judge"

**Do you really prefer His judgment?
Mine is to get you to avoid His!**

Remember - sin deceives

We think we've got a way out of that judgment on our own, an excuse, a right, a relative argument

**God has every right to be just
He has no desire to give you wrath**

*It's why Jesus came first
Wrath comes last*

**2,000 years of grace - it'll work on
who it'll work on, then that's it
(we'll see in Rom 11)**

Then wrath steps in as a last chance

**if you want judgment,
you'll receive it
- and it'll be just and complete**

[selah]

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**Either your sin reigns
Or God's righteousness does**

- **Which one rules over your life?**
- **Which one is winning right now?**

**Death or life, which do we want?
Which is at work in your life?**

**Which is in charge?
When you make a decision,
What factors decide it?**

Are good things dying?
Or good things growing?

Are bad things growing?
Or bad things dying?

Are you becoming more heavenly?
Or more earthly?

Which has your attention?
Which do you smell more like?

2Co 2:14-16 - Now thanks [be] to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, **and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.** For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one [we are] the aroma of death [leading] to death, and to the other the aroma of life [leading] to life. And who [is] sufficient for these things?

Jos 24:14-15 - "Now therefore [because God gave them so much, took them out of slavery, removed enemies before them], **fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!**" And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,** whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."**

:18-19

**Adam disobedient
Jesus obedient**

**Which example do we want to follow?
Flesh or Spirit?**

- Which flesh?
- Which reward?
- Which life?

**“Many” made righteous, not all
Because not all will receive it**

Not because Jesus didn't die for them

***Calvinists spend more time converting
Christians than unbelievers.***

***Saying that Jesus didn't die for everyone
is short-sighted, unbalanced***

***He did die for everyone, but not everyone
will get the benefits***

***Point of a system is what it does...
says that we think God hates people
and made them specifically for hell
This is not the God of the Bible***

***Yes, he hates sin - and if you go against him,
you're enemies - but the choice is yours - he
won't make you. It's both at the same time.***

**He died to give everyone
opportunity
(paid for, but not received)**

And the penalty paid even before they were born in sin

But just because you didn't choose it doesn't mean it wasn't offered

I think that's a big part of the torment in hell - knowing it was totally paid, yet refused

Like a winning **lotto number** never cashed in, refused

Oh what you could have had if you just went to the bank!

Either, Through One Man...

Adam - offense

(legal yes, but also relational!)

What was given in the garden was relationship, not legal law

Jesus' obedience gives us all obedience
Back to relationship

When God looks at you believer,
He sees Jesus' obedience

The beauty is that Jesus was born into Adam's line - our family - to buy us back with his obedience

Spurgeon

The believer can say, "I have a Brother in heaven...He is a brother born for adversity, treat Him as such. "He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin." He has been our forerunner; each burden we have to carry, has once been laid on [Him]

Adam's work could never produce Christ's obedience or relationship (someone trying too hard)

:20-21

The law made everything even more clear

It was clear to begin with, but we became so hardened by sin we needed to see the law

And even then, still don't believe

*We won't even read the Bible
Many Christians think they know it, they don't*

And even with the law - it's revealing of our sin

Our hearts are wicked & sinful, not the law

*Grace is no friend to sin; it is its sworn enemy. Fire and water may as well agree in the same vessel as grace and sin in the same heart."
(Thomas Benton Brooks)*

The law wasn't God's method to condemn us - give us wrath & death
we already condemned by sin

God gave the law to ultimately reveal his grace - that's the Gospel

And to give us the choice
Through which man?

Adam's fate: death
Jesus' victory: life

Work and sweat and die
Rest and wash and live

That's the gospel

we were born into a sinful, doomed race,
ruled by death, enslaved to works

But Jesus came give us life
Give us life, freed for rest

Eternal life is only Through One Man
Jesus