

Romans 5:12-21  
“Understanding My Choice”

~ INTRO ~

TODAY...

- We close (Rom. 5) on the topic of “*Federal Headship*.”

IN THEOLOGY *Federal Headship*...

- Helps us understand how Adam’s sin spread to all people.

LET ME ILLUSTRATE IT THIS WAY:

WHEN WE VOTE IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS...

- Our vote sends representatives to Washington D.C. on our behalf.
  - Elected Officials then make decisions & the consequences...
    - Filter down to the rest of the country.

SO TOO...

- Adam was the first representative of the human race.
  - His decision to sin against God...
    - Separated everyone else from God...
      - AND sin entered the world.

READ >>> (Rom. 5:12-21)

IDEA #1 – THE ORIGIN & RESULT OF SIN

1) The Origin of Sin:

- a) Sin entered the *universe* thru Satan... (Ezk. 28:15-17).
- b) Sin entered the *world* thru Adam... (Gen. 3:6-8).
- c) The **root of sin** – comes from Adam... (Rom. 5:12).

[READ from screen below verses]

(Ps. 51:5) NKJV

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

(1 John 1:8) NKJV

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*“If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, & the truth is not in us”*

- We're **born** with the ROOT of sin **in us**.

(v.12) *“because all sinned”*

- Paul is NOT speaking of a sinful act...
  - He's speaking of universal guilt in the headship of Adam.

d) The **fruit of sin** – comes from us individually.

## 2) **Result of Sin:**

- Turn to (Gen. 5) this is the **genealogy of Adam**...
  - Showing the repeating result of sin = *“and he died.”*

*Man is NOT a sinner because he sinned.*

*He's a sinner because he's born that way and therefore sins.*

## **IDEA #2 – WHICH REPRESENTATIVE DO YOU WANT?**

(vv.13-17)...

- Paul gives an in-depth explanation of (v.12).

(vv.13-14)

SIN WAS NOT **IMPUTED** – (Li-Ge-Zo-My)...

- But it was present from Adam to Moses – *before the law*.

(v.13)...

- Sin was in the world but not **imputed** (not added to my ledger).
  - So the law was given to show man's need for God.
    - (I'm living in a moral deficit to God)

(Gal 3:24)

*“...the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”*

ADAM'S SIN...

- Was a **representative act**...
  - AND the consequences of his sin **are passed to all**.

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NOW THIS IS IMPORTANT!

- Paul carves out the contrast & arrives at a conclusion:
- (v.15) Adam committed an offense (vs.) Christ gave a free gift.
- (v.16) Adam leads to condemnation (vs.) Christ to justification.
- (v.17) In Adam death reigns (vs.) in Christ life reigns.

Show this verse on screen >>> (v.17) NLT

**IDEA #3 – JUDGEMENT OR FREE GIFT**

GOD MADE THE OPTIONS CLEAR...

- Man is condemned on three grounds:
  - 1) Sinful nature – inherited from Adam (root of sin).
  - 2) Sinful practices – actions & attitudes (fruit of sin).
  - 3) Condemnation for rejecting Christ – who offers (forgiveness of sin).

(v.20) “*where sin abounded grace abounds much more...*”

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

God offers grace to help us in four ways:

- 1) To **ACCEPT** the love of God & have your sins forgiven – (Rom. 10:9)
- 2) To **CONFESS** that you’ve become lukewarm toward God – (Rev. 3:15)
- 3) To **TRUST** Him and be assured of your salvation – (1 John 5:13)
- 4) To **RECEIVE** power from God’s Holy Spirit – (Acts 8:15)