

Romans 5:12~14

¹²Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Tonight I want to do something, that is very unusual for me to do, and that is to go back and take another look at this section of scripture...specifically in verses 12~14. While studying this week, looking at verses 11~21, looking at the sufficiency of God's Grace, God revealed something to me, that I find hard to explain... I must admit, I have struggled this week to put it into words, especially into a teaching form, so that I can explain it to you...

I think what "*sparked*" this revelation, was Paul's words...

¹²*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world...* I can't tell you why, but those are fascinating words to me. They mark the "*entrance*" of SIN into the world... Prior to this point, they enjoyed a beautiful, peaceful, perfect world and *intimate fellowship with God*.

Think about it...Due to this "*One Transgression*," Paradise was lost!

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Pondering that statement, I began to ask...

How did SIN ENTER?

Was it through "*The Act*" of Adam's disobedience to God's command?
Or was it "*The Result*" of Adam's disobedience?

How is it possible, that this "*single transgression*" would cause all of humanity to suffer the consequences?

The transgression was, they ate of the fruit of the "*one, forbidden tree*" in the midst of the garden... The one tree that God warned them about, the one tree that God made it clear not to touch, not to go around... But to make a long story short, they were "*deceived*" by the serpent, and *they ate of it*...

But if you stopped there...it still wouldn't make sense as to why it condemned all of us... Right?
I mean, why would I pay, for Adams disobedience to God?

Jesus warned his disciples... "*Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees*..." And if you remember, they thought he was talking about bread... But he was making reference to "*their teachings*! What was the foundation of their teachings? The LAW...and the adherence to it...

I mean, this gospel that we preach, is a “*Message of Grace...*” is it not? It acknowledges man’s inability to keep the righteous standard of the law... And it proposes a God of tender mercy and love. A God that doesn’t love us because of our worthiness...but solely on the basis that He loves us!