

Lesson 9
Through One Man
(Romans 5:12-21)

• **Questions**

1. What resulted from the sin of “one man” (5:12)?

2. Why or how does death pass to all men (5:12)?

3. What is necessary for sin to be present (5:13)?

4. What time period is discussed in which death reigned over mankind (5:14)?

5. What role did Adam have with reference to Jesus Christ (5:14)?

6. What are the effects upon mankind of the sin (disobedience) of Adam (5:12-14), and what are the effects upon mankind of the righteousness (obedience) of Jesus Christ (5:15-21)?

7. Why was the law given and what relationship does it have with sin (5:20)?

8. How does sin and grace reign (5:21)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What purpose does the word “Therefore” serve in verse 12?

2. Who is the “one man” in verse 12 and who is the “one man” in verse 15?
3. What is “sin” (5:12ff)? How does Romans 5:12 relate to Romans 3:23?
4. How are the words “death” and “life” used by Paul in Romans 5:12-21? In a physical sense or a spiritual sense?
5. How is Adam like (“a figure”) Christ in this context (vv.12-21)?
6. What is “the likeness of Adam’s transgression” (5:14)?
7. How does the Christian “reign in life” through Jesus Christ (5:17)?
8. How are some “made sinners” and others “made righteous” (5:19)?
9. What is the connection between Romans 5:17,18,21 and Romans 5:1,2,5,9,10,11?
10. How does the law make the trespass “abound” (5:20)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. We sin because we choose to sin (5:12), not because we inherit “original sin” from Adam or a “totally depraved nature” from Adam (as per Calvinism).
2. Sin is a transgression of God’s law (5:13).

3. Let us learn from Adam (and Eve) about how the Devil can tempt a person to sin: the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (5:14).
4. Salvation is a free and gracious “gift” from God. Let us obediently accept it (5:15-17).
5. The theme of Romans 5:12-21 is: “Through One Man.” We see the powerful influence and work of what “one” man can do for good or for bad (5:12,15,16,17,18,19).
6. The grand theme of the Bible is paradise lost (Gen. 3) and regained (Rev. 22). What was lost in Adam can be regained in Christ. Adam listened to the Devil and believed a lie leading to sin. Mankind today can listen to God and believe the truth leading to salvation.