

**Romans 5:12-21<sup>1</sup>**

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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V. 12 Therefore, one man...death

- Clearly sets up an aside
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- Tragic story of the Fall into sin

V. 13-14

- Sin was in the world before
- Sin is not charged?
  - But death reigned
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  - Adam broke a command
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  - Until Moses
    - So was everyone else not guilty until the law was given?

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- Does Paul mean something else?
- Romans 3:20

V. 15-16 Many and one?

- Gift not like the trespass
- One man to death
- One man to life
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- Followed many trespasses and brought justification

V. 17 How much more?

- ...receive the gift by faith
- Overflow to the many

V. 18-19

- It is sufficient hypothetically for all to be saved
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- Those who receive....(17)

VV. 20-21

- Trespass increased.
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- Sin reigned
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- So grace might reign

Notes:

Advent Series

Why did Christ have to be born?

- **Week 1: Hope** – In the Hebrew Bible, the words most often used for hope—*qavah* and *yakhal*—are also translated as “wait.” To hope in God means to wait with patient expectation, trusting that he will fulfill his promises.<sup>2</sup>
  - Readings Isaiah 8:5-17, Psalm 130:1-8, Matt 1-2
  - Preaching Passage: To be the Free Gift from God (Romans 5:12-21)
- **Week 2: Peace** - As Jesus continues his work of bringing real, lasting peace throughout the Earth, we can participate in that work by living as peacemakers.
  - Isaiah 9:1-7, Col 1:13-23, Mark 1
  - Preaching Passage: To bring Salvation (Luke 2: 25-39)
- **Week 3: Joy** - This kind of joy is about being united with the God who walks with us and trusting that he will one day wipe away every tear. It looks to the future...[and] invites us to experience joy not because everything is perfect but because God is with us and his joy is already breaking into the world.
  - Isaiah 51:1-11, 2 Cor 6:1-10, Luke 1
  - Preaching Passage: To bring us a King for the Nations (Isaiah 7:14 and 9:2-7)
- **Week 4: Love** - The Advent season leads us to reflect on the future God is bringing, where every interaction will be shaped and compelled by love. Even more, it invites us to live into that coming world right now by loving others the way Jesus does.
  - Deut 6:4-8, 1 Cor 1, John 1
  - Preaching Passage: The birth of the Messiah (Luke 2: 1-20)

Resources	Bible Studies	Events
Advent Family Bible Readings   Virtual Bible Study Link   <a href="https://meet.google.com/nvv-zzmb-neo">meet.google.com/nvv-zzmb-neo</a>	Saturday (Dec. 6) - Women’s Fellowship  Wed. (Dec. 10): 7-8:00 pm - Virtual Bible Study - All welcome  Wed. (Dec. 17): 7-8:00 pm - Virtual Bible Study - All welcome  Sat (Dec. 20) - Men’s Fellowship	Alpha Bible Study - Starts Dec. 13 - Saturdays 5-7:00 pm Details/Register   Christmas Caroling - Friday Dec. 19 - 7pm

<sup>2</sup> Bible Project, “Advent”, <https://bibleproject.com/guides/advent/#summary>