

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
Romans
Romans 5:12-14

Every Person Died in Adam
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Hope: Assurance of Future Glory

Romans 5:1-8:39

A. Rom. 5:1-11 Hope: Assurance of future glory
 B. Rom. 5:12-21 Basis for assurance: Work of Christ
 C. Rom. 6:1-23 The problem of sin
 C. Rom. 7:1-25 The problem of the law
 B. Rom. 8:1-17 Basis for assurance: Work of Christ/H.S.
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Every Person Is "Dead" in Adam

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, **because** all sinned—

Options for "because all sinned"

1. "in whom" – "in whom all sinned" – links to Adam
2. "because" – causal – death came because all sinned.
3. "with the result that" – consecutive – all sinned because all are dead.

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Paul's Argument in Romans 5:12

"Because" Sin Caused Death View:

- A. Through one man came sin (12a)
- B. Death came through sin (12b)
- B. Death came to all men (12c)
- A. Because all sinned (12d)

"With the result that" Death Caused Sin View:

- A. Through one man came sin (12a)
- B. Death came through sin (12b)
- B. Death came to all men (12c)
- A. With the result that all sinned (12d)

Death Reigns Because of Adam

Romans 5:13-14 for until the Law sin was in the world, **but sin is not imputed when there is no law.** 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

How could sin exist if there is no law to specify sin?

Romans 4:15 for the Law brings about wrath, **but where there is no law, there also is no violation.**

Adam as a type: Death reigns in Adam
Life reigns in Christ (Rom. 5:17)!

Applications

1. We must understand that every person is born spiritually dead into this world because of Adam's sin.
2. We must understand the limitations of spiritually dead people and the need for regeneration.

All Are Spiritually Dead in Adam

Spiritual Death: Separated from God

Physical Death: Separated from body

Genesis 2:16-17 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it **you will surely die.**"

Isaiah 59:2 **But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God**, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

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Various Views on Depravity

	<u>Guilt</u>	<u>Moral Corruption</u>	<u>Extent</u>
Pelagian:	no	no	alive
Arminian:	no	yes	weakened
Semi-P.:	yes	yes	weakened
Federal:	yes	yes	dead

Psalm 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."

Psalm 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb; these who speak lies go astray from birth.

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The spiritually dead are in bondage to sinful lusts:

Ephesians 2:1-3 **And you were dead in your trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you formerly **walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly **lived** in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, even as the rest.

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All Are Spiritually Dead in Adam

The spiritually dead are not helped by the Law:

Romans 7:8-11 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; 10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; 11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

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The Need for Regeneration

The spiritually dead need regeneration:

Romans 8:8...and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions...

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