

Sin Entered the World Through One Man! #2



Christ's Life in Us

Rom 5 to 8 Study



- Sin entered the world through one man
- Death reigns without law
- The free gift is not like the transgression
- Justification of life to all men
- Law's purpose and grace's power
- Union with Christ intro and explained
- Union with Christ applied
- Reckon
- Do not let sin reign
- Not under law but under grace

Christ's life in us is to be death to all that we were in Adam, but His life is lived through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Spread of Sin in God's Creation

Anointed
Cherub's
Fall

Adam's
and Eve's
Fall

Mankind's
Fall

- The Anointed Cherub observed his beauty and was impressed [pride] and declared his independence from God McCalley
- Both Adam and Eve fell individually [both ate]
- This disobedience resulted in sin entering the world
- All mankind fell in Adam as its head

Overview of Romans 5:12



Therefore, just as through one man [the] sin **entered** into the world, and death **[entered]** through [the] sin, and so death **spread** to all men, because all **sinned** [in Adam]

- The three verbs [**entered**, **spread**, **sinned**] in this passage are all aorist, indicative, active [factual event]
- So Paul is telling us about the event of the sin nature **entering** and death through **it** into the world
- Next, about the event of death **spreading** to all men
- And then the event of all men becoming **sinners** when Adam sinned

sins vs the sin nature



The word **sin** [nature] occurs 33 times in Rom 5 thru 8 while the word **sinned** occurs 3 times and **sins** none



the fruit = **sins** [acts of sin]

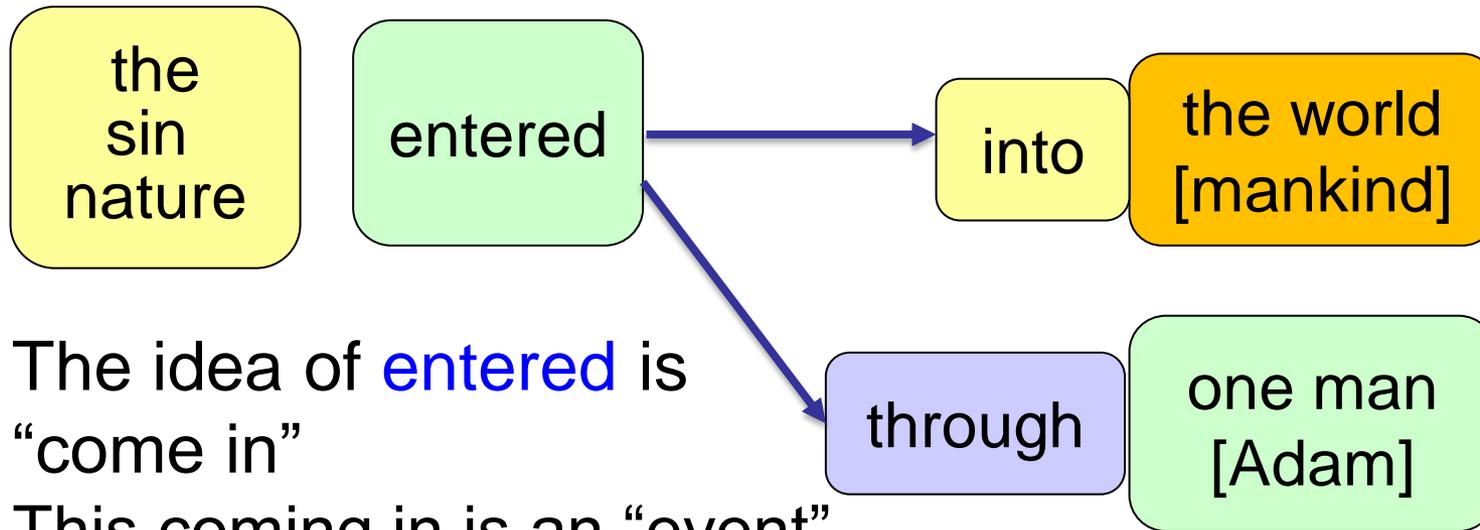
- the results of the internal fallen nature or sinful nature [Adam's nature]

the root = **the sin nature**

- the nature or quality of the root will determine its fruit
- **the sin nature** is the energizing force that causes all men to commit **sins**

Therefore just as [even as]

section A of Rom 5:12



- The idea of **entered** is “come in”
- This coming in is an “event” [aorist] as described in Gen 3
- The event was when Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil resulting in both physical and spiritual death
- It is **the sin nature** [source of sins] not **sins** [acts of sin] that entered through one man
- **So why is man a sinner?**

more: this sin nature entered through one man #1



- Paul is talking about Adam's fallen nature or fallen likeness and image
 - Gen 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in **his own likeness, after his image** Amplified
 - In the physical human race we understand how the health issues of our parents and grandparents may result in our health issues*
 - So, Paul is saying that there is a “spiritual genetics” issue in the entire human race* * McCalley
- Adam is responsible for man's **sin nature**, but man is responsible for his **sins** [acts of sin] Merryman

more: this sin nature entered through one man #2



- **through** – *dia* – you could say “by means of”
- Why the term “**one man**”?
 - Paul did not call Adam and Christ by name when he first spoke of them in Rom 5:12-21*
 - But he referred to each as “**one man**”*
 - He will continue as follows: **the one, one transgression, one act of righteousness**
 - He thereby stressed the unity of the federal head with those under his authority who are also “men”

*Constable

Unborn Generations Share in Their Fathers' Acts



Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of all his spoils [a tithe]

300 years

Because Levi was in the loins of his ancestor Abraham, Levi is also credited as giving tithes to Melchizedek

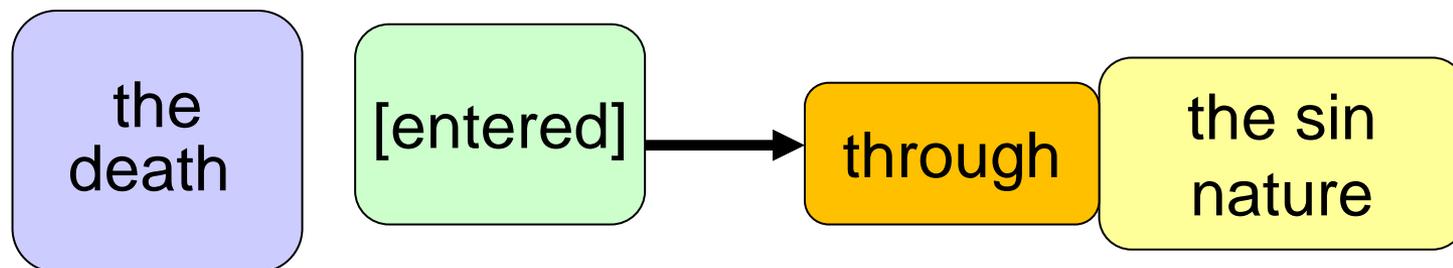
Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden

2,000 years

All men sinned in Adam when he sinned

Therefore just as [even as]

Section B of Rom 5:12



- Next we are told that when the sin nature entered that **death came with it**
- The sin nature is never alone, death is always with it
- **How are we to understand this statement?**
- Rom 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Death is the just reward of the sin nature
- Death or separation from God was the just reward for the Anointed Cherub's sin and for Adam's and Eve's sin

More: the death [entered] through the sin nature



- Later we will see that as **sin and death** came through Adam, **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ
- Two kinds of death entered the human race when the sin nature entered the human race
- **First**, physical death of every person in the line of Adam [separation of soul and spirit from the body*]
- **Second**, spiritual death or separation from God to all in the line of Adam
- As God had warned, Adam died spiritually that day when he partook of the forbidden fruit*
- Each person of the race is born spiritually dead—separated from God—and receives that fallen kind of nature directly from one's parents.*

* Chafer

Sin and Death for those who do not know Christ



Matt 8:22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow **the dead to bury their own dead.**"

John 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that **you will die in your sins**; for unless you believe that I am *He*, **you will die in your sins.**"

Hebrews 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men **to die once** and after this comes judgment.

Ezek 18:20a The person [soul] who sins will die.

Rom 5:14 **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.

Rom 5:21 so that, as **sin reigned in death**, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin and Death for those who know Christ



1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

2 Tim 1:10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

1 Cor 15:54b then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.



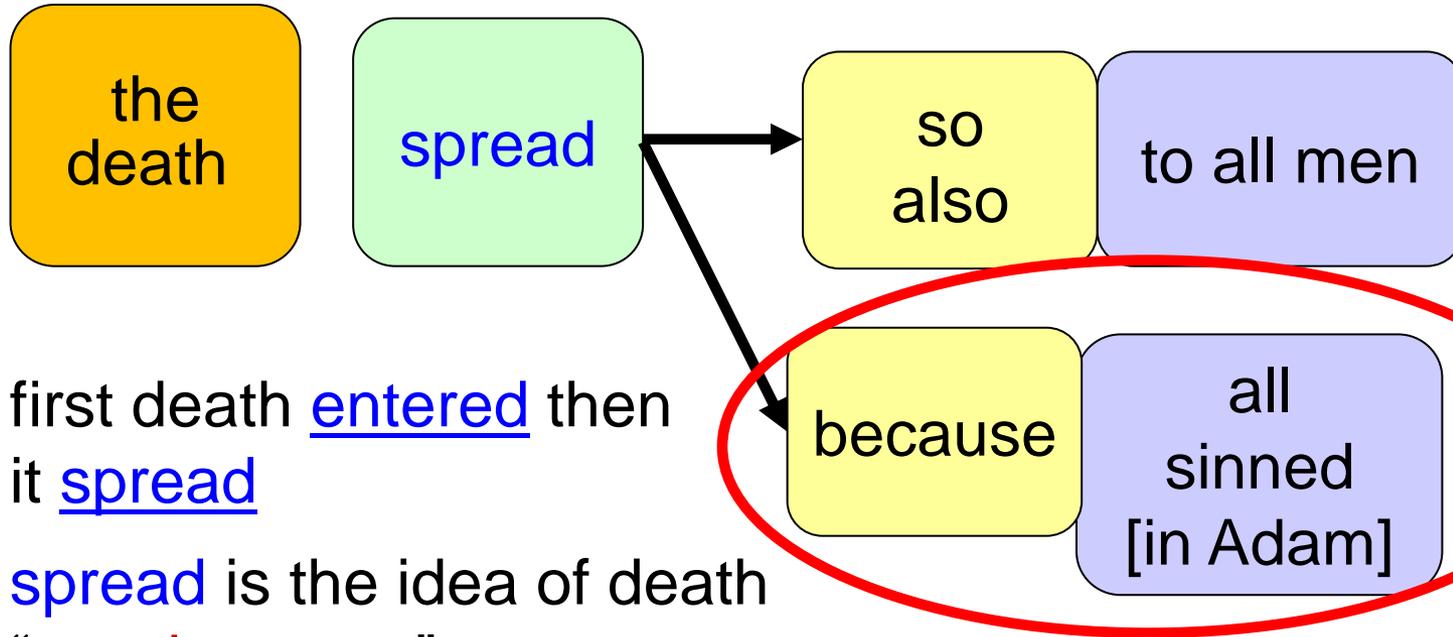
What does dying spiritually mean?*

- Man's spirit was given to him so he could fellowship with God
- When man fell [sinned] this fellowship was broken or he died spiritually
- Man who does not know Christ as his Savior has no capacity to communicate or fellowship with God
- This spiritual death has now been passed on through the entire human race
- Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

* edited Merryman

Therefore just as [even as]

section C of Rom 5:12



- first death entered then it spread
- spread is the idea of death “passing upon” or “spread through” something
lit: no one being able to stop it*
- since Adam is the head of the race what he did [i.e. sinned] has passed upon the entire race of men and women

* Thayer

More: because all sinned [in Adam]*



- **Sinned** is in the aorist tense and thus a single, historical event is in view
- It is saying that each member [of the human race] dies physically because of his own part in Adam's sin
- It cannot refer to personal sins of many individuals
- It is not that man became sinful!!
- The assertion is that *all sinned* at one time and under the same circumstances
- The statement is clear, the issue being that all had a part in Adam's initial sin
- Parallel verse: Rom 3:23 for *all sinned* and are falling short of the glory of God. Wuest

* edited Chafer

God holds all Israel accountable for sin of one



Joshua 7:1 But **the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully** in regard to the things under the ban,

for Achan ---, **took some of the things under the ban**, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against **the sons of Israel**.

7:20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, "Truly, **I have sinned** against the LORD, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:

7:21 when **I saw** among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then **I coveted** them and

I took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it."

7:24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, **took Achan** the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, **his sons, his daughters**, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and **all that belonged to him**; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor.

7:25 And Joshua said, Why have you brought trouble on us? The Lord will trouble you this day. **And all Israel stoned him and those with him with stones, and afterward burned their bodies with fire.**

Final Thoughts



- The first sin of Adam caused him to be transformed downward into a different kind of being from that which God had created.*
- He, furthermore, could propagate only after his kind, and thus the race was born in spiritual death received by heredity from the first man, Adam.*
- Each person of the race is born spiritually dead—separated from God—and receives that fallen kind of nature directly from one's parents.*
- So the question before us is -- what is God's plan for the control of man's sin nature? Merryman

* Chafer

