



THE INCREDIBLE GOD (Part 8 - Incredible Reign)

- **There is a discouraging reality that proves the Christian faith - and that is simply sin.**
- **“Certain new theologians dispute original sin, which is the only part of Christian theology which can really be proved... But though moderns deny the existence of sin, I do not think that they have yet denied the existence of a lunatic asylum.” (G.K. Chesterton)**
- **Dominated, defeated, discouraged, downcast, desperate**
- **Solution to the need**
- **Overview - first 5 chapters focus on the objective reality of the gospel**

- **Death in Adam, Life in Christ - you're living in one of those two domains**

Romans 5:12-21

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

- **People don't struggle so much with what to believe, but with what is believable. That's the issue today: What do you find believable about deliverance? What do you believe can deliver you from what dominates you? Is it the meds your on? Is it understanding your inner self?**

- **But Eve sinned first...**

¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

- **Accounting terms**

¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

How was their sinning different? Adam was given a command and a consequence if the

command was broken. He was also unhindered by a sinful nature when he sinned.

- **Before he sinned, Adam was free**

Before Adam sinned, he was free. Therefore, any offspring would have been free. Adam was acting as our representative head, our covenantal head. So, his response to God's authority affected all those he represented, which would be us, the human race.

- **Type and antitype**

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass.

Salvation is a free gift. It's not based on what we do, but it changes who we are.

For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,

- **Answering Objections to Adam's Federal Headship**

Exodus 15

- He was chosen by God
- If you want to be judged for you own sins, do you also want to be judged by your own righteousness?

so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased,

- Have you been trying and failing and trying and failing? Or maybe you're done trying and you're just moving from one failure to the next.
- Dominated, downcast, defeated, desperate.

grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”