

“Guilty (and Redeemed!) by Association”

Romans 5:12-21, Pt. 1

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I. Romans 5:12-21 does not teach universal salvation.

- A. “All” does not mean “each and every” in Rom. 5:18
 - 1. The meaning of the word “all” is determined by context (see Rom. 14:2 and Rom. 16:9).
 - 2. Paul has declared already in Romans that justification comes only to those who *believe* (see Rom. 5:1).
- B. “All” in Rom. 5:18 refers to the transfer of the legacy of either Adam or Jesus to *all* who are *connected* to them.

II. Romans 5:12-21 does teach universal damnation through Adam.

- A. Sin (individual sins and the reigning power of Sin) entered the world when Adam sinned in the garden.
- B. Death entered the world as a result of Adam’s sin.
 - 1. Physical Death
 - 2. Spiritual Death
 - a. Condemnation (Rom. 5:16)
 - b. Corruption (Rom. 5:16-17)
- C. Adam’s sin and its results have affected everyone “because all sinned”.
 - 1. All sinned *in* Adam’s sin.
 - 2. “Through one transgression” – Rom. 5:16-18
 - 3. God appointed Adam as a representative person, as a covenant head.
- D. Thankfully, Jesus has become the new representative head of believers!
 - 1. Though all are damned through the actions of Adam.
 - 2. All believers are saved through the actions of Jesus.

Adam	Jesus
Sin	Grace
Death	Reigning in Life
Condemnation	Justification
Many transgressions	Righteousness