

"The Doctrine of Sanctification"

Romans 5:12-8:13

Part 1

Introduction: Tonight, in our study of Romans we have come to the next major section and major Doctrine. Tonight, we shall begin to look at the Doctrine of Sanctification. This section can be separated into three sections:

1. **The Explanation of Sanctification. - Romans 5:12-21**
2. **The Illustration of Sanctification. - Romans 6:1-8:1**
3. **The Application of Sanctification. - Romans 8:2-13**

As we study our way through the Doctrine of Sanctification we shall learn how the believer's life is because of our position IN Christ and we shall learn of the secret to living the victorious Christian life. As we learn of the Doctrine of Sanctification this will truly be a study that will change our lives and as understanding is deepened. As we work our way through this section we are going to go slow and do our best to be as thorough as we possibly can because of how important this section of God's Word is.

I. The Explanation of Sanctification

Romans 5:12-21

Part 1

Before we get into these verses I believe we must understand the context in order to grasp onto what Paul is saying to the reader.

In order to understand the context, we must do a short review. In our study so far, Paul has shown us in the Doctrine of Condemnation that we are all sinners and that we are completely unable to do anything to save ourselves. Paul listed three different kinds of sinners which describes every person in this world. There was the Rational Sinner, the Reformed Sinner, and the Religious Sinner. Every one of us fit under one of those headings and possibly more than one. The point Paul made is that we are all guilty of sin which placed us on a direct collision course with the wrath of God. We were lost and unable to save ourselves from the judgment of God. Then Paul took us into the Doctrine of Justification where he showed us that when we come to Jesus Christ and we rest our faith in His finished work on the cross that we are justified. He explained that because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross, God's wrath, His righteousness and His justice has all been satisfied and therefore God can remove of sins from our account and He can impute to us His own righteousness. This is a ONE TIME LEGAL ACT in which God declares us righteous forever.

Hebrews 10:14

¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Paul explained that NO MAN can be justified by religion or ceremonies. He used the example of Abraham and showed how he was justified by faith before he was circumcised and even before the Law ever existed. So, Abraham was not justified by circumcision nor was he justified by keeping the Law. The point is neither is ANY MAN OR WOMAN justified by baptism or any church ritual and neither are any justified by keeping the Law. Justification is by GRACE through FAITH in the finished work of Jesus Christ upon the cross for each one of us.

Now all of this would have raised a question in the mind of the Jew and he would have been very quick to ask his question.

"So, Paul, you tell us that we are all guilty and we are all lost. You tell us that we are all sinners and we are on a direct collision course with the wrath of God. Then you tell us that ONE MAN died on a cross and He rose from the dead and through His death and His resurrection He has the power to justify all who will come to Him. How can what one man did on the cross affect so many people?"

This is the very question which Paul is about to answer. He will make his point by presenting two men in the section before us. He will first of all present Adam the first man on earth and he will then present Jesus Christ. He will show the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of Jesus Christ to make his point. He will show us how the entire world was separated from God by the one act of disobedience by Adam and how all men can be reconciled to God by one act of obedience by Jesus Christ. He will use the words "MUCH MORE" to show us that the finished work of Jesus Christ restored everything lost in Adam and MUCH MORE.

Now before we start let me just point out that the word "ONE" is used eleven times in this passage, the word "REIGN" is used five times and the words "MUCH MORE" are used three times so these are all very important for us to pay close attention to.

Let us now get into the passage.

A. Adam's Kingdom

I entitled this section Adam's Kingdom because we shall see two kingdoms in this section.

Notice Romans 5:12a

The word "WHEREFORE" points back to what Paul has just stated in the previous verses and that was that we are reconciled to God by the death of Jesus Christ and we are kept saved by the resurrected life of Jesus Christ as was stated in **Romans 5:10**.

Notice Romans 5:12a again.

Paul makes a very important statement to start this section before us. Sin and death entered into the world by one man and that man was Adam. I want to step away from our context here for a moment and use this to defeat a false teaching that exists within many churches today.

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

*² And the earth **was** without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

I have bolded and underlined the word "WAS" because there are many that teach this word could also be translated "BECAME". They teach this because they say there is a GAP between verses 1 and 2 and it is in that GAP that they insert the teaching of modern science that says the earth is millions and billions of years old. They say that in verse 1 God created a world that existed before this world that we know, and they teach that Satan brought destruction upon that world by bringing in sin. They will then point to another verse to support this in Genesis 1.

Genesis 1:28

*²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and **replenish** the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

They point to the word "REPLENISH" and they offer it up as proof that there was a previous creation that had been destroyed by sin.

Now, the problem with all of this is what is recorded in Romans 5:12 which tells us that SIN and DEATH entered into the world by Adam. If SIN and DEATH entered into the world between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 then we have a major problem and that is, we would not be able to trust what is written in Romans 5 nor could we trust anything written in any of the Bible.

Let me just say that the teaching of the GAP THEORY is pure Satanic. It is designed to cause people to question the accuracy of the Word of God and thus not believe the Gospel.

The world was created in six literal, 24-hour days and to deny that makes a person guilty of suppressing the Truth of God's Word.

Romans 1:18

¹⁸ *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

Now, let us get back to the context.

Notice Romans 5:12a again.

Sin and death entered into the world through Adam, but we must understand that sin did not start with Adam, but it started with Satan.

1 John 3:8

⁸ *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

Luke 10:18

¹⁸ *And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

It seems that the moment Satan was created he turned on God and took with him one-third of the angels. This "fall" of Satan happened before man was created. Satan sinned, and he fell from his appointed position and when man was created he turned his focus upon man. You see man was the crown jewel of God's creation. God created man for fellowship and worship. Satan was determined to get man to worship him and so he set out on a mission to get man to rebel against his Creator. Let us look at how this happened.

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵ *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

¹⁶ *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

¹⁷ *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Adam was given one command and that was he could not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he were to disobey this command God told him he would surely die.

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Satan, who wanted to sit upon God's throne and wanted to be God then took his sinful desire and he impressed it upon Eve and he enticed her by stating that if she and Adam ate of the forbidden fruit they too could be like gods.

When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit he disobeyed a direct command from God. His act of disobedience infected his entire being and from that time forward every person born would be infected with a sin nature.

Notice Romans 5:12 again.

Notice that Paul tells us that by one-man SIN not SINS came into the world. Paul is speaking of the sin nature which each one of us are born with. This one act of disobedience by Adam infected the entire human race. There is not one person who is born who does not have a sin nature. The exception would be Jesus Christ for He did not have a human father but God was His Father and so He did not inherit the sin nature from Adam. Our sin natures are inherited through the seed of the man.

Notice Romans 5:12 again.

The consequence of sin is death and because of Adam's sin everyone is born with a sin nature and we will all die if the Rapture does not happen. Death is inescapable because we

are all descendants of Adam and we are all sinners. Our sins are evidence that we are born with this sin nature. Remember what God told Adam?

Genesis 2:17

¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Ezekiel 18:4c

...the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Romans 6:23a

²³ For the wages of sin is death;

Now we do not die because we sin, but we die because we are sinners. In other words, death is the result of the sin nature within us. The sins we commit are evidence that we have a sin nature.

Hebrews 9:27

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die,

It is appointed unto all of us to die once but many people will die twice.

Revelation 20:12-15

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The second death occurs when the unsaved are cast into the Lake of Fire. This was never God's intention for man to experience the Lake of Fire.

Matthew 25:41

⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Hell, and the Lake of Fire were prepared for Satan and the fallen angels. It was NOT prepared for man for God created man for fellowship and worship.

Let me refresh you mind about death because it is very important to understand here. In the Bible the word "DEATH" means "separation" and there are three kinds of death.

1. **Spiritual death** - This is what happened to Adam and Eve when they ate the forbidden fruit. They were spiritually separated from God.

Genesis 3:23-24

²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

They were separated from the presence of God. This is the very state that we are born into. We are born spiritually dead which means we are separated from God.

Ephesians 4:18

¹⁸ Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

2. **Physical death** - This is the separation of the soul from the body that happens when we die physically.
3. **Second death** - This is the Lake of Fire.

Conclusion:

This verse alone shows the impact one man can have upon the human race for we see here the impact that Adam has had upon the entire world. This is the very reason the world is in the condition it is today. Every person has an Adamic/sin nature.

Notice Romans 5:12 again.

Paul ends this verse by saying "for that all have sinned". This is not talking about the sinful acts that we have committed. This goes much deeper. It is a reference to how we were in the loins of Adam when he sinned in the garden and so we too are guilty. Notice the words of **J. Vernon McGee**:

"It does refer to the fact that we are so vitally connected with the first father of the human race that before we even had a human nature, before we had committed a sin, even before we were born, we were sinners in Adam..."