

Romans 1:1-4

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Romans 5:12-21

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

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

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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, 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. —Romans 5:12, 18-21 ESV

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“No passage in the New Testament has had such influence on theology as this...

If we were to put the thought of the passage into one sentence... it would be this: ‘By the sin of Adam all men became sinners and were alienated from God; by the righteousness of Jesus Christ all men became righteous and are restored into a relationship with God.’ —William Barclay

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1) Jewish View of Solidarity

The Jew never thought of himself as an individual, but part of a clan or a tribe.

2) Jewish View of Legality

For the Jew, sin and death were clearly linked in the Law.

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...¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet 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. —**Romans 5:13-14** *ESV*

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The Ruin of All Humanity in Adam (Romans 5:12)

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Genesis 1:26-27

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¹This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. —**Genesis 5:1-3** *ESV*

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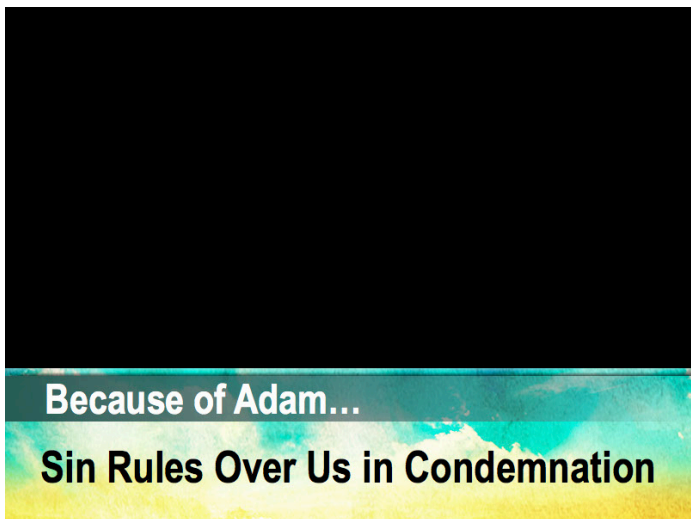
Because of Adam...

Since Describes Our Character

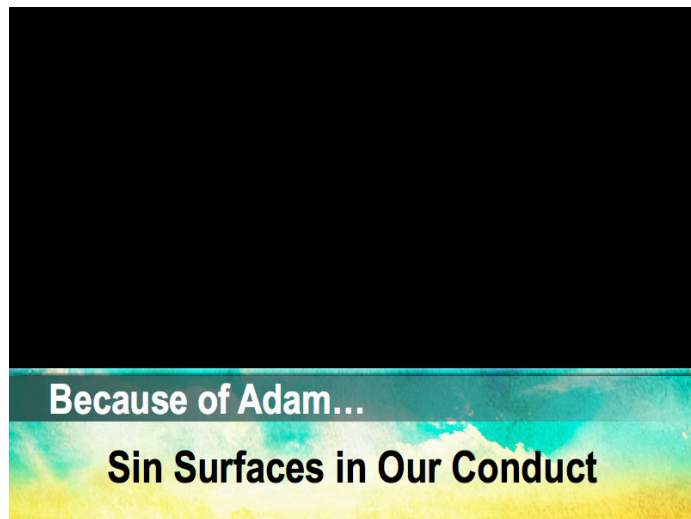
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“Sin is the despairing refusal to find your deepest identity in your relationship and service to God.” —**Tim Keller**

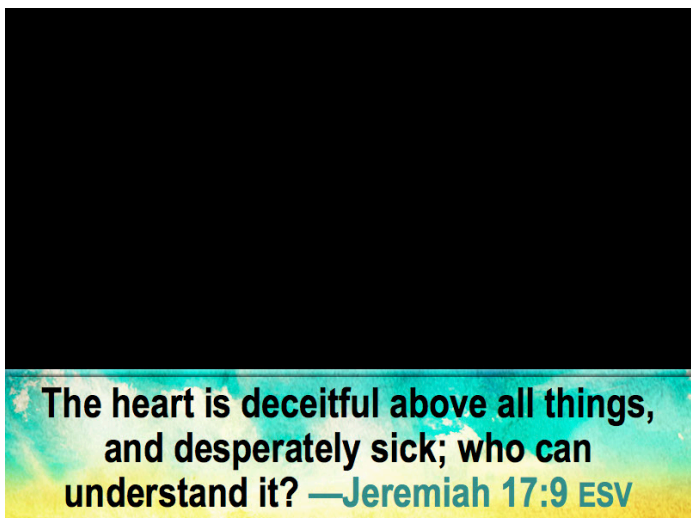
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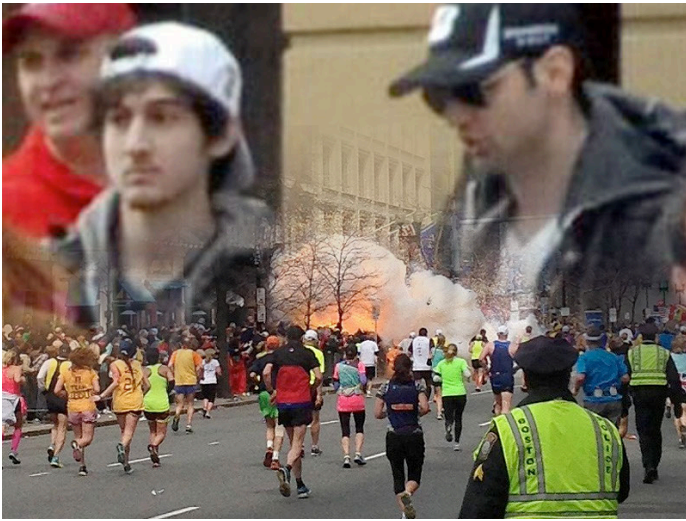
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¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation,

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...but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For 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.
—Romans 5:15-17 ESV

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**Grace Brings Security
TO OUR HEARTS**

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**I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch
them out of my hand.**
—John 10:28 ESV

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Grace Enables Ministry
THROUGH OUR LIVES

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**Acceptance is not based
on performance.**

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**And God is able to make all
grace abound to you, so that
having all sufficiency in all
things at all times, you may
abound in every good work.**

—2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

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Grace Rules Over Death
THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS TO
ETERNAL LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

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**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the
Lamb was spilled.**

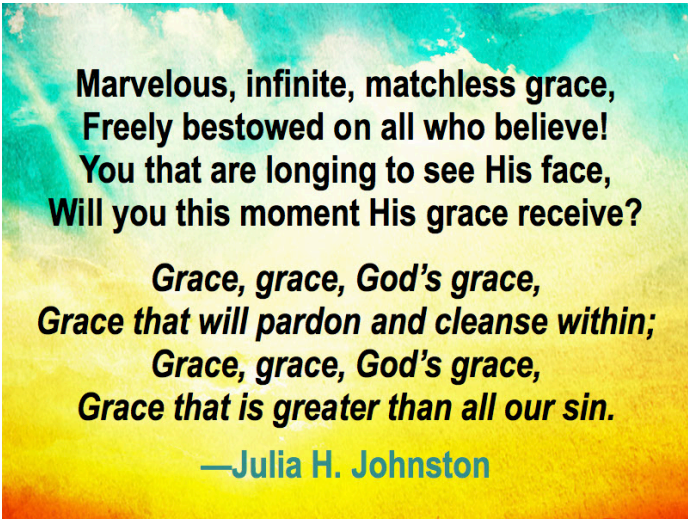
***Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.***

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**Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.**

**Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.**

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**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?**

***Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.***

—Julia H. Johnston

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