

Romans 5:12-21 Whose Kid Are You?

11/15/09 - The Exchange

- I. What makes you a human being? My answer, you had human parents.
 - A. Cats produce cats, dogs produce dogs, cows produce burgers.
 - B. Why is there sin and death in the world? Because humans choose to disobey God. But why? Today's passage.
 - C. Running start. Why do we need reconciliation? How is it we are at war with God whether we know it or not?
- II. **5:12-17** One big parenthetical run on. Welcome to my world.
 - A. **5:12** Whose fault is sin?
 1. **God's?** Did He create evil/sin? If John 1 is true, then He must have. WRONG. Evil consequence of absence of good. Sin consequence of trying (regardless of intentions) and failing.
 2. **Adam?** Yes. "The rebellion in the garden." Really? Overt stick-it-to-God intent?
 - a) Review **Genesis 3**.
 - b) Is it Eve's fault? No. **1 Tim. 2:14, 2 Cor. 11:3**. Not weaker, not stupider, just tricked. But also disobeyed.
 - c) Adam is the head of the human race. We are all in him. Like Levi tithing to Melchizedek through Abraham (**Heb. 7**)
 3. **Mine?** Yes. **because** communicates "as evidenced by" **James 1:12-15**.
 4. **Whose fault is sin, death, suffering?** Adam's, and mine. **Why doesn't God do something about it?** He did, and Hw will.
 - B. **5:13** - Huh? Doesn't mean people weren't held accountable to their sin, because they died. It means they broke the rules, even though they weren't spelled out like they were later.
 1. Ignorance of the law isn't an excuse to be free of the consequences of breaking the law.
 - a) You are still trespassing even if there isn't a "no trespassing" sign.
 - b) Like a driver who never learned the laws of the road.
 - c) The "it's not wrong if you don't get caught" mentality. The problem with that is that God is **omniscient!**
 2. We have rules and laws for things which we don't really need rules and laws. We just know that they are wrong, displeasing to God.
 - C. **5:14** Was Adam's problem that he ate the fruit?
 1. Yes in that it was a disobedient act. Were there other ways to sin? Certainly.
 2. People didn't die because they ate that fruit, they died because they disobeyed, disobedience is sin.
 3. "I tried to do what you wanted, I just did it differently." Why didn't you just do what I wanted? That's sin. "I know I did the wrong thing but I didn't have bad intentions." Doesn't matter.
 4. "But that's not fair!" **What wouldn't be fair is if we could earn it.**
 - a) God, the Creator, would owe us.
 - b) Would pit every human being against all others ever.
 - c) Heaven filled with braggarts, classes, division. High Sch!

- D. 5:15 Begins a section of contrasts.
 - 1. Through Adam's offense abounded sin, and sin death to all.
 - 2. Through Jesus' gift abounded grace, and grace justification/life to those who believe.
 - 3. Abounded. Mt. St. Helens.
- E. 5:16-17
 - 1. Offense resulted in judgment, and judgment condemnation.
 - 2. Gift resulted in grace, justification, righteousness, life.
- III. 5:18-21 Paul finally ties together his wandering thoughts.
 - A. 5:18 Back to the original thought in 12. Same contrasts as in 16-17.
 - B. 5:19
 - 1. Through one man's disobedience many made sinners.
 - 2. Through one Man's obedience many made righteous.
 - a) Mark 10:42-45
 - b) John 10:11-18
 - c) Philippians 2:5-11
 - d) Jesus. God. Obedience driven by love for you, for me.
 - C. 5:20
 - 1. The law further defined what was sin (the "no trespassing sign" went up) which resulted in sin abounding.
 - 2. The opportunity for grace super-abounds where there is sin. There is always more grace than there can be sin.
 - D. 5:21
 - 1. Sin reigns/rules/results with death.
 - 2. Grace reigns/rules/results with righteousness, continuing on with eternal life through Jesus.
 - 3. What/Who is reigning in you?
- IV. Whose kid are you?
 - A. All born biological children of Adam, inheriting sin and death.
 - B. You can be adopted as one of God's kids though Jesus. Galatians 4:1-7.
 - 1. Means death, means born again, means new nature, means Spirit driven life of discipleship, every aspect of your life being conformed to the image of Jesus. **Do you have that?**
 - 2. Or do you feel like the red-headed step child of the world?
 - C. Do you see the goodness of God? Do you know the goodness of God? Walk in the reality of being God's kid.
 - 1. Take advantage of of the intimate relationship you can have.
 - 2. Be being disciplined, having your life transformed into His.
 - 3. Know the power and joy of being used by Him to impact the lives of others for now and eternity.
 - 4. All you have to do is die to yourself, be born again, and live in Him.