

*By One Man*

- I. The Assumption - (13)
  - A. Adam had a specific command of God to not eat the fruit
  - B. Beyond that there is no law
  - C. If the penalty on sin is death and there is no law that would describe what is sin, then they would be guiltless, so why would they die?
- II. The Truth dispels the assumption - (14)
  - A. The truth is very simple, historically from Adam to Moses men died!
    - 1. Genesis 5:5 "*and he died.*"
    - 2. Genesis 5:8 "*and he died.*"
    - 3. Genesis 5:11 "*and he died.*"
    - 4. Genesis 5:14 "*and he died.*"
  - B. People died "Even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's sin"
    - 1. Not one of these men listed had eaten the forbidden fruit
    - 2. These are born sinners
      - a. Psalms 51:5
      - b. Psalms 58:3 "
      - c. Jeremiah 17:9
    - 3. We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are born sinners.
  - C. Is that fair? –
    - 1. I didn't ask to be born. You can't blame me. One day I arrived in the hospital and there I was, a sinner, condemned to hell. Is that fair? Is that just?
    - 2. Is it just that millions of sinners should be saved by the grace of God? Is that just? Is it fair when you never paid the penalty for your sin?
    - 3. No one minds getting saved when somebody else paid the penalty for their sin.
- III. Sin's Offence verses God's Free Gift - (15) "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift."
  - A. Sin or Grace – (15b)
    - 1. One sins, but all die - "For if through the offence of one many be dead,"
    - 2. One dies so all may live –
      - a. Christ death does much more than what death of Adam can do
      - b. It is a gift by grace
      - c. It is provided to the "many" -
  - B. Sin or Gift - (16) "And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift:..."
    - 1. Adam's sin (singular) led to death for all – condemned to die
    - 2. The gift of God's grace justifies us from all sin
      - a. When our nature is "born again" 2 Corinthians 5:17
      - b. 2 Peter 1:3-4 "*ye might be partakers of the divine nature,*"
  - C. Death or Life - (17)
    - 1. Death reigns in the lives of all who are born of Adam's seed
    - 2. Eternal life reigns in all the lives who are born of God's seed
    - 3. It is in Christ ALONE that we receive this gift, not in anything we can do.

Just as we are born into sin without ever sinning, we are born into this righteousness of Christ without having to do one good thing!