

Romans #072

“Personal sin is not the basis for condemnation from the justice of God.”

Romans 5:12

The barrier between God and man is a legal issue with a penalty of spiritual death required which the consequence of legal condemnation and man’s unrighteousness.

If we sin against someone, why is confession directed to our legal authority, God the Father and not just to the person we sinned against?

The doctrine of the substitutionary spiritual death of Christ means Jesus Christ paid the full penalty for every person’s sin.

The Gospel has often been mis-represented as a potential: Jesus died for you but if you reject Him, He didn’t really die for you, so you have to pay for your sins in eternity.

THERE ARE 2 CATEGORIES of SPIRITUAL DEATH:

1. Real spiritual death, which is separation from God in a state of sin; this applies to man.

2. Substitutionary spiritual death, which is separation from God in a state of perfection and impeccability, this applies to Jesus Christ.

Adam’s original sin invented the sin nature which is genetically passed on to the entire hum/an race and from the sin nature comes our total depravity, which includes moral and immoral degeneracy.

We can’t spend eternity with God unless the legal penalty is paid and unless there’s spiritual regeneration so we move from death to life and that can’t happen unless we are righteous.

We now understand imputation and justification and to further understand the spiritual life, we must know that sin isn’t the issue in a person’s relationship with God.

Sin and loss of salvation, or the fact that we have failed are not the issues we should focus on because Jesus Christ solved those problems.

So, we have a comparison of Adam’s failure that brought us suffering as a consequence and Jesus’ success, that restores us to the original purpose God had for the human race in His image ruling earth.

God has provided more for us in the Church Age than has ever existed for believers before and if the greatest benefit was given to us when

Jesus Christ was judged for our sins on the cross, then, *a fortiori*, God can surely provide anything else.

Our greatest and only illustration for spiritual endurance is the humanity of Christ during the Incarnation, for as Jesus was able to endure the judgment of our sins through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, so we have the same power to endure in our advance to maturity.

Sharing God’s happiness is our ultimate problem-solver as it fulfills mandate to be content with such things as you have, for He will never leave you nor forsake you.

The entire world could see that Jesus Christ, in His humanity, had the ultimate problem-solver, for no one ever endured more pain, was more unjustly treated, had so much abuse and then received judgment for the sins of the world!

So, our heritage from Jesus Christ on the cross is the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit and the use of the greatest problem solver, sharing God's unshakable happiness!

The *one man* is Adam and the justice of God deals with Adam in such a way that He reserved our personal sins for the cross for our salvation as well as Adam's.

The first human relationship with God was temporal because innocent man did not possess the righteousness of God.

Note that the love of God could not restrain the fall, but the integrity of God acts as a tremendous restraint on man.

The original sin also gave the nature to sin.

Spiritual death is divine righteousness rejecting the principle or trend of the sin nature as well as the function.

Justice demands justice and the justice of God executes what the righteousness of God demands.

The justice of God placed the barrier in position so that it could be removed only by the justice of God.

One of our decisions can involve a lot of people; Adam made one decision and it involved the entire human race!

The decision that Adam made would have been our decision, we would not have done it any differently.