



- Following St. Paul, the Church has always taught that the overwhelming misery which oppresses men and their inclination towards evil and death cannot be understood apart from their connection with Adam's sin and the fact that he has transmitted to us a sin with which we are all born afflicted, a sin which is the "death of the soul".²⁹¹ Because of this certainty of faith, the Church baptizes for the remission of sins even tiny infants who have not committed personal sin – Catholic Catechism Part 1; Section 2; Paragraph 403



- "We may rest assured that God would never have suffered any infants to be slain except those who were already damned and predestined for eternal death." - John Calvin
- "Original sin therefore, appears to be a hereditary, depravity and corruption of our nature, diffused through all the parts of the soul, rendering us obnoxious to the divine wrath" – John Calvin

¹⁵ But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if **by the one man's** offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift *is* not like *that which came through the one* who sinned. For the judgment *which came from one offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came from many offenses resulted* in justification. ¹⁷ For if **by the one man's** offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸ Therefore, as **through one man's** offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as **by one man's** disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

By One Man's Sin: Context of Romans 5



Where is the blame placed for sin?

- 1:28-32 “those who practice such things are deserving of death”
- 2:1-3 “against those who practice such things”
- 2:5-7 “your hardness and impenitent heart”; “according to deeds”
- 3:12, 23 “they have all turned aside”; “all have sinned”

Romans 5: Adam/Christ Change the World



- Adam brought sin into the world by His lust
- Jesus brought salvation into the world by His grace
- We must be consistent with the nature of the change (:18-19).
- If we argue inherent sinfulness through Adam then we must also argue inherent righteousness through Christ!
- Jesus changed the world in a much more profound and greater way—salvation, reconciliation!