

Romans 5:12-21
The Saving Life of Christ

Intro: All of Romans 1-5 has been dealing with the subject of "Sins" That is to say, sins in the plural sense. It took Paul those 1st chapters to show that the entire human race, both Gentile and Jew are guilty before Holy God. Beginning in 3:21 he shows us the Love of God demonstrated in the crucifixion of His beloved Son. The Cross fully covers our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus. Now sins are no longer the issue. We are forgiven!

Romans 5:1 *"Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Romans 5:5-9 *"We shall be saved by His life."*

1. At salvation [the new birth] you received the Holy Spirit of Jesus.
The death of Jesus paid sins penalty, but much more His resurrection makes possible His saving life to indwell us.
2. V. 6-8= our ungodliness did not hinder Grace from accepting us.
Salvation was never about you or your performance. It is always about His grace to us.
3. V. 9= **Much More**...Declared innocent of sins, we are saved forever from God's Wrath!
The Believer will never experience the fierce anger [wrath] of God.
4. V. 10 = Enemies become adopted sons. Forever reconciled to the Father.
Much More... "we shall be saved by His life [which lives in us]
Being a Christian is not about me trying to be like Christ so much as it is my allowing Christ to be himself in me.
Christianity is not the imitation of Christ! He cannot be imitated, duplicated, or cloned. Only Jesus can be Jesus.
5. V. 11=Rejoice, the work is already accomplished. We can now be happy about who God is and how He feels about us!
See Romans 8: 14-17

Romans 5:12= Begins a whole new section or idea from the Apostle Paul. His "Therefore" Is his conclusion or summary. His conclusion is that thru Adam [the 1st man] sin as a principle has infected all Adam's children like a virus. All the human race is infected with "Sin." John Calvin called it "Total Depravity." Paul will call us sinners, not to reflect what we do [produce sinful acts], but to reflect what we ARE by birth. To Paul we are not just good people who occasionally do bad deeds. No, Adam's sin has changed God's creation, so that we are now selfish, self-centered beings who struggle to do loving selfless deeds.

5:13= without the Law [of Moses] human beings only had the standards they established for survival. They were lost to God's standards and had only conscious to remind them of the fall.

5:14= Death reigned. Mankind lived in darkness without God or the light of God.