

[12] Therefore, just as through one man the sin entered into the world, and the death because of the sin, so also the death came through to all men, upon which all sinned.¹ [13] For until law, sin was in the world, but sin is not charged, not having law. [14] But, the death reigned from Adam until Moses, even upon those who did not sin upon the likeness of the transgression of Adam,² who is a type³ of the one coming.

[15] But, the trespass is not like the gift. For if, by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of the God and the gift in grace by the one man, Joshua Christ, abound to the many. [16] And the gift is not as through the one who sinned, for indeed judgment was from one unto condemnation, but the gift was from many trespasses⁴ unto justification. [17] For if by the one trespass the death reigned through the one, much more those receiving the abundance of the grace and the gift of the righteousness will reign in life through the one, Joshua Christ.

[18] So then, as through one trespass was unto all men unto condemnation, so also through one righteous act is unto all men unto justification of life. [19] For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. [20] For law came in alongside,⁵ so that the trespass might abound.⁶ But where the sin abounded, the grace abounded much more. [21] So that, just as the sin reigned in the death, so also the grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Joshua Christ our lord.

1 The initial death is spiritual death (Ephesians 2:1), just as God said to Adam, “for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17). Therefore, “upon which (upon the death) all sinned.” The spiritual death results in sin, “dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world” (Ephesians 2:1-2).

2 “Likeness”? Adam was not lost (dead) IN sin as we are born therein. He was without sin. He also was NOT deceived as we are (1 Timothy 2:14; Revelation 12:9).

3 τύπος (tupos) “type” - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-49.

4 “from many trespasses” - Romans 11:32

5 παρεισῆλθεν (pareisêlthen) “came in alongside” NTE; “slipped in” Lexicons; “entered” NKJV; “crept in” ISV; – verb found also only in Galatians 2:4 “came in by stealth” NKJV; “sneaked in” NAS.

6 Romans 7:13; Galatians 3:19, 23-25.