

# To the Church in Rome

## *Original Sin or Grace?*

Romans 5:12-21

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### Introduction:

- 413 A.D. Augustine wrote *The City of God*, where he formalized and shaped, *Original Sin*.
  - This was to counter Pelagius' teachings about Grace.
  - Reformers: Martin Luther and John Calvin accepted Original Sin and said it had two devastating consequences:
    - Every baby is born in Total Depravity – no Free Will at all.
    - Every baby is born condemned to Hell unless God predestined them to not perish.
  - Doctrine of Original Grace –
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### 1. Adam and Sin:

- a. **Romans 5:12-14**
- b. **Romans 5:1-11**
- c. Greek – Agape ... English – Love ... “*Selfless, Sacrificial love without expectation of anything in return ... Unconditional ... Not based on emotion or feeling, but by choice of the will.*”
- d. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8**
- e. Greek – Asebes (Asa-Base) ... English – Ungodly ... “*Living without regard to religious belief or practice ... Ungodly ... Impious.*”
- f. **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9**
- g. Greek – Katallage (Kat-A-La-Gay) ... English – Reconciliation ... “*Reestablishing a proper interpersonal relationship after it had been broken.*”
- h. Two transitions in salvation:
  - i. Wrath to Grace -
  - ii. Grace to Glory -
- i. **Romans 5:12**
- j. **Genesis 2:15-17**
- k. Before the Law of Moses, we already had the Moral Law of God written on our hearts – **Romans 1:18-32**
- l. **Romans 5:14**

## 2. Jesus and Grace:

- a. **Romans 6:23**
- b. **Hebrews 10:1-4**
- c. Since a man brought sin into the world, it must be a man that atones for sin.
- d. **Romans 5:15-19**
- e. **Romans 5:15-16**
- f. How is the gift that Jesus offers not like the trespass of Adam?
- g. I cannot choose to NOT die physically, and I cannot choose to NOT live in a world where sin is so prevalent.
- h. I can choose to NOT die spiritually.
- i. **Romans 5:17-19**

## 3. The Purpose of Law:

- a. **Romans 5:20-21**
- b. The word – Trespass is singular, not plural.
- c. Greek – **Paraptoma** (*Pa-Rap-Toe-Ma*) ... English – Trespass ... “*Going beyond or overstepping a moral boundary.*”
- d. **Romans 5:21**
- e. Under the Law System – Death is the winner – **Romans 5:21**
- f. Under the Grace System – Jesus Reigns as King and He is the Victor. – **Romans 5:18**
- g. Which do you desire to live under:
  - i. Original Sin –
  - ii. Original Grace –
- h. God desires for you to come home with Him.