

“The Only Victory From
A Dual Invasion”
Romans 5:12-14
Live Like a King, part 5

- There is an undeniable dual invasion into our world.
- Do you know the key word from verses 12-21? ONE. It appears 12 times and the word refers either to the ONE man Adam or the ONE man Jesus Christ.
- Paul presses home this point in the remainder of Romans 5: By one man’s, one act, comes either condemnation or redemption.

1 Cor. 15:22; For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- We are all related to Adam by physical birth, we must be related to Christ by the New birth to overcome this dual invasion. We must realize these four truths:

1. Sin has INVADED the World Through Adam, v.12a

Romans 5:12a: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world...”

- A. Sin did not originate with Adam but it entered into this world through Adam.
- B. A single disobedience of a simple command plunged the entire human race into sin.
- C. The Scripture teaches something vitally important to understanding our world. We have all been created and descended from a single pair: Adam and Eve.

2. Death Has INVADED All Men Through Adam’s Sin, v.12b

Romans 5:12b: “and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men.”

- A. Sin resulted in a constitutional change in Adam’s nature so that he died.
 - There are several kinds of death, which can also be defined as “separation.”
 - 1.) Spiritual death: When one is physically alive but spiritually separated from God. Ephesians 2:1-3.
 - 2.) Physical death: Adam became subject to physical death the moment of his sin. Genesis 3:19; Genesis 5:5: “and he died.”

3.) Eternal Death: This is the “second death” in the lake of fire. Matt. 25:46; Revelation 20:14; 21:8.

B. The entire human race was in Adam’s loins and shared in Adam’s sin, so that the consequence is clear: if you are a child of Adam you will die.

- See Hebrews 7:7-10.

C. One may say, “That is not fair that Adam’s sin would be passed on to me. I was not there and not aware of what was happening.”

D. Others may say, “But what Adam did was not even that bad.”

3. History proves the Reign of these Dual Invaders, v.13-14

- Romans 5:14: Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses... (v.17)
- Romans 5:21; That as sin hath reigned unto death...

4. The Only Victory is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, v.17

Romans 5:17; For if by one man’s offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

- We were BORN PHYSICALLY in sin and must be BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit to defeat indwelling sin and its inevitable consequence, death.