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- We don't know for sure, but we have some clues
- **V.1** and **V.4** never says the serpent spoke to Adam and Eve but only to Eve
- **1 Timothy 2:13-14** - For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.
- **James 4:17** - So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.
- **V.17** – likely a conversation after the temptation, but before eating the fruit
- There is no indication that Adam listened to the voice of the serpent, but he did listen to the voice of his wife
- In fact, Adam only blamed his wife **V.11-13**
- No matter what happened, everything likely happened quickly because the serpent is still close enough to have a judgement given to it **V.14-15**

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- Adam was not the first to sin, but he is responsible
- There are no verses anywhere in the Bible that blames the woman or Satan
- Eve was deceived, but Adam sinned in outright rebellion with the full knowledge of what he did

Ephesians 5:23 - For the husband is the **head** of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

- Imagine Eve's excuse if Adam had sinned first and she after him
- Because she sinned, she still receives punishment, but the blame is Adam's
- When Adam sinned, their eyes opened to evil, sin entered, and death followed

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- How can **one man's** action (Adam's sin) at one time in history, have such a far-reaching effect on all of mankind for all time (world)?
- Why is all the blame placed only on **Adam**?
- Before the woman was created, **Genesis 2:15-17** - The Lord God took the **man** and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God **commanded the man**, saying, You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die**.
- Even though Eve disobeyed first, the primary responsibility for sin was Adam's
 - 1st, because the command was given directly to the man
 - 2nd, because he had headship over Eve, and Adam failed to protect his wife
- The command to rule over all creation had only one single restriction, but the consequences of disobeying was severe

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- When Adam disobeyed, sin entered him and changed his nature
- This sin changed Adam so that he could no longer see God's goodness, only evil
- That sin nature would then be passed on to every one of his descendants forever
- When Adam sinned, all mankind sinned
- That dead and depraved nature was passed on to everyone who would ever be born
- In effect, every human being was present in the garden with Adam and shares in the sin he committed
- Adam represented the entire human race that descends from him, including you
- We stand "guilty" before God because Adam sinned
- One person representing many is not uncommon:
 - Kings going to war
 - **Genesis 18:20-33** - Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asks God to spare the entire city and its inhabitants if he could find just a few that were righteous
 - **1 Samuel 17:1-9** - David and Goliath

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- Adam was warned if he ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would die, and God was true to His Word
- **Roman 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death...
- Sin brings **3** facets of death:
- **Spiritual** - Adam experienced immediately, immediate separation from God
- Adam was now dead in his trespasses and sin
- Unsaved people are alive to the world, but dead to God and the things of God
- **Physical** – Adam didn't die immediately, but now his body is subject to death
- Physical death will bring an end to the opportunity for salvation
- **Eternal** – Adam was originally made to live forever
- Eternal death brings eternal separation from God's goodness and an eternal punishment in hell

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- Death is transmitted to all men without exception, no one escapes death
- Even newborn babies die, not because of sins they have committed, but because Adam sinned, and now they have a sin nature and the consequence is death
- You are not corrupt because you have sinned, you are born corrupt
- David said, **Psalm 51:5** - ...I was guilty of sin from birth, a sinner the moment my mother conceived me.
- **Psalm 58:3** -The wicked turn aside from birth; liars go astray as soon as they are born.
- Every person not reborn through Christ is a now a child of the father of this world
- **John 8:44** - You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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- Does this bother you? Is it fair?
- Would you have chosen a better representative or done better yourself?
- Do you believe God is just? Does God ever make a mistake?

- **Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Although you didn't even exist when Adam sinned, you also didn't exist when Christ died for your sins
- As believers, we accept by faith that we died with Christ even though we didn't literally go into the grave and literally resurrect with Him
- But it's accounted to us
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- That's still not fair, I didn't ask to be born
- Neither was it fair for God to have to die for me
- If God were fair, Adam and Eve would have died instantly
- Only because God shows mercy, grace, and forgiveness that mankind can be saved at all

- Compare this to how God deals with angels
- Angels were not created in God's image and they do not reproduce (multiply)
- When they fell with Satan, they fell individually, and were immediately condemned forever with no chance of redemption
- They fully understood God's holiness and glory, but can't comprehend God's mercy, grace, forgiveness because that only has feeling and meaning when you're redeemed from sin
- **1 Peter 1:12** - ...through those who **preached the good news** to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, **things into which angels long to look.**
- Man however does multiply, man does pass on his sin to his descendants
- **Ephesians 3:10** - so that through **the church** the manifold wisdom of God might now **be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.**
- So God provides a way of salvation from sin so that those that experience salvation, will praise God for it, giving God glory

Romans 5:15-21 – Paul contrasts Adam to Christ

- Just as one man's sin brought death to all mankind, one man's sacrifice made salvation possible for all mankind
- **V.15** – But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, **much more** have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ **abounded** for many.
- Christ's one act of salvation had a **“much more” “abounding”** impact than the one act of Adam
- Although Adam's sin brought death, Christ's sacrifice provided more than just restoring man to the original state
- Now we will be glorified
- Not only is Christ's sacrifice greater than Adam's one sin, it's greater than all the accumulated sins that man will ever commit

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- **V.16** – And the free gift is not like **the result** of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought **justification**.
- **The results** are different between Adam and Christ
- **V.15** focused on the sin, **V.16** focuses on the sinner
- Christ's **justification** is greater than Adam's condemnation
- You are not just restored, you are **justified**, declared innocent in Christ
- God is just, and it only takes one sin for God to condemn
- It wasn't that Adam's sin was worse than any other sin, it was just that it was the first
- But God's love for the sinner is greater than His hatred of sin
- His love is so great that He provides a way for all men to be redeemed from all sin

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- V.17 – For if, because of one man's trespass, **death reigned** through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of **righteousness reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.
- Adam sinned because he wanted to be like God
- Instead it brought **death** and separation from God
- The gift of God is that we will **reign in life** with Him
- We still live in this fallen world with this fallen body, but because of Christ, we no longer live this life having to be a slave to sin
- He has freed us our sin nature and we can now **righteously reign in this life**

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- **V.18-19** – Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's **disobedience** the many were made sinners, so by the one man's **obedience** the many will be made righteous.
- Adam's disobedience was imputed (credited, responsible, blame) to all mankind
- That **disobedience** made all of us sinners and guilty before God
- In the exact opposite way, Christ's **obedience** makes those who believe in him to be made righteous
- That righteousness is then imputed (credited) to us

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- **V.20-21** – Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, **grace** abounded all the more, 21 so that, **as sin reigned in death**, grace also might reign **through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- The Mosaic Law gave us a measuring stick to show us our sin
- It shined a light on just how sinful we are
- But disobedience to the law never condemned us and obedience to the law never saved us
- **Death reigned because Adam sinned**
- Only by **grace** through faith can we be saved and become **righteous leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Since we are born sinful because of Adam's sin, what about the unborn, or those that die before they can mentally understand God's plan of salvation?

- **2 Samuel 12:21-23** - Then his servants said to him, What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food. 22 He said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.