



# The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church  
May 26: The Free Gift of Righteousness  
Romans 5:12-21

What is original sin?

“It is a horrible, deep, inexpressible corruption of mankind’s nature and powers. So mankind lacks the righteousness in which he was originally created. In spiritual things he is dead to good and perverted to all evil. Because of this corruption and inborn sin, which dwells in man’s nature, all actual sins flow forth from the heart.” – **The Formula of Concord**

## Romans 5:12-13

Who is the one man who brought sin into the world?

What did Adam’s sin bring with it?

Are all people born guilty before God?

**Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Did we inherit Adam’s guilt? Are we condemned because of Adam?

“That which separates us from God is not only the conscious disobedience, such as all moralists envision, but it is actually also the inherent egotism we are born with.” – **Bo Giertz**

## Romans 5:14

What happened to sinners between Adam and Moses?

**Romans 8:20-21** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Of what was Adam a type?

## Romans 5:15-16

What is the free gift?

How is the free gift different than the trespass?

<sup>AMP</sup> **Romans 5:16** Nor is the gift [of grace] like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For on the one hand the judgment [following the sin] *resulted* from one trespass and brought condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *resulted* from many trespasses and brought justification [the release from sin's penalty for those who believe].

## Romans 5:17

What did Adam's sin bring to all humanity?

What does Christ bring to those who receive grace?

## Romans 5:18-19

What is the extent of the damage of Adam's trespass?

What is the extent of Christ's one act of righteousness?

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

## Romans 5:20-21

How does the Law increase the trespass?

Does this mean that God's Law made us worse?

"The Law came in 'to increase the trespass,' to call forth and mark the sin of man as what sin at bottom always is, man's revolt against his God." – **Martin Franzmann**

**Romans 7:5** For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.