

“One Man’s Ruin of All”

Romans 5:12-14

- 1) What is Paul’s “design” setting forth what Adam has done?

- 2) Describe how sin made its entrance into the world.

- 3) What is the significance of the fact that Paul says “sin” and not “sins” entered the world? In other words, what is Paul saying about what “sin” is, what is his perspective about sin? (see, for example, Romans 5:21; 6:6, 12-14; 7:8-9, 14; Heb. 3:13)

- 4) What awful reality followed upon sin’s heels? Describe what Paul is likely referring to.

- 5) What is the relationship between “sin” and “death”?

- 6) Was the effect of Adam’s act of disobedience isolated to himself? What took place according to Paul?

- 7) What reason does Paul give for universal death?

- 8) The speaker noted that there are various views about what Paul meant when he wrote “all sinned.” These various views look differently at the relationship between Adam’s sin and our sin. The first view was what he called the “imitation” view. What is this view? What does this view see as the relationship between our sin and Adam’s?

- 9) According to the speaker, what supports or undermines this view from the verses 15-19?

- 10) The second view was what was called the “infection” view. What is this view? What is the “infection” referred to? What does this view see as the relationship between our sin and Adam’s?

- 11) According to the speaker, what supports or undermines this view from the verses 15-19?

- 12) The third view was what was called the “inclusion” (or “imputation”) view. What does this view see as the relationship between our sin and Adam’s?

13) According to the speaker, what supports or undermines this view from the verses 15-19?

14) What is the “bottom line” where each of us is concerned as far as what Adam has done? What should this “bottom line” reality cause each of us to do?