

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 24

The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit
Personal Sins Never Condemn Us
Adam's Sin Condemns Us



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1 Cor 5:19 "...namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting (imputing or assigning) their (personal) sins against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation (peace with God)."

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



Lesson

Hi experts. Here we are again getting deep into the knowledge of our Mentor and Friend, God the Holy Spirit.



In our last lesson we looked at the reason God's perfect justice condemned mankind at birth in order to give us salvation. We learned that Adam's original sin was imputed or assigned to our physical bodies and that sin nature lives in every cell we have. It is the reason for our condemnation.

Now we need to look deeper into the process of sin in our bodies. How does the sin nature make us sin? Well the sin nature tempts the soul to commit sins. There are 3 types of sin: mental sin (thinking a sin), verbal sin (talking a sin), and overt sin (actively sinning so people can see it). Remember now we are spiritually dead, not because of our own personal sins, but because of Adam's original sin imputed or assigned to us at birth. The justice of God condemns us only because of Adam's original sin imputed to us. We sin personally as a result of our spiritual death but it is not the cause of our spiritual death. The cause of our spiritual death is Adam's original sin in the Garden of Eden! *Rom 3:9-12 "What then? Are we better than they (the Jews)? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks (Gentiles) are ALL under sin; (10) as it is written, 'THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; (11) THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; (12) ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE.'"* That pretty much says it all. WE ARE ALL SINNERS because of Adam's sin!



Our personal sins were not imputed or assigned to us when we were condemned at birth. They were imputed or assigned to Jesus Christ on the cross! Look at this passage in the Bible that tells us that our personal sins were not imputed to us in *2 Cor 5:18-21. "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled (made peace with) us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (peace with Him), (19) namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting (imputing) their (personal) sins against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (21) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness (+R) of God in Him."* Our personal sins were imputed to Christ instead and judged on the cross. Only the perfect Person of Christ could pay the penalty for personal sins because He was the only perfect man and he was born perfect...no sin nature like we have. Yes, Adam was perfect when he was created BUT he sinned and did not remain perfect. Only Jesus

remained perfect His entire life on earth which qualified Him to go to the Cross in our place. Thank you, Father!!!!

Again the Bible tells us that our personal sins were not imputed or assigned to us. So get this: personal sins are not taking the unbeliever to hell (Hades) or eventually to the Lake of Fire, which is a judgment or condemnation. The Judge, God the Father, has not imputed or assigned ANY personal sins to sinners. He imputed or assigned them ALL to Christ. The ONLY thing that takes the unbeliever to Hades or eventually to the Lake of Fire is their decision to REFUSE to believe in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.



OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES OF GOD to us!!!!!!! His genius and integrity (perfect character and nature) are at work in having Adam's original sin imputed to us and our personal sins imputed to Christ. THAT is the ONLY way He could condemn us to the Lake of Fire and yet preserve us alive to believe in Christ. Condemn us BEFORE we committed any personal sins. Place us by His perfect justice in Adam and condemn us all because of Adam's original sin. Then bring on the Last Adam, Jesus, to satisfy the

Supreme court of Heaven with respect to the sin of the first Adam and all the consequences of Adam's sin...condemnation and spiritual death!

Our personal sins never appear as charges against us. We now have the opportunity to appear in the courtroom of our soul and claim the remedy that has been provided by our PERFECT LORD and our Substitute on the cross...the wonderful Lord Jesus Christ. We are forgiven legally and completely on that basis. The penalty for our personal sins never touches us, never gets to us, because our court case of condemnation was stamped before we committed those sins, and they were all paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ after being charged to His account not ours! What a GREAT GIFT!!!



[Rom 11:33](#) "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and deep His ways!" [Rom 5:18-19](#) "So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of (eternal) life to all men. (19) For as through the one man's (Adam's) disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One (Jesus) the many will be made righteous (+R)."

Remember...review: your condemnation before God came at the moment you were born. This opened the door for the opportunity for you to be saved. [Psa 58:3](#) "Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies." You had nothing to do with this salvation plan. This is the magnificent grace of God. He gets all the glory. It is entirely His work. He knows we are totally depraved (sinful) and in need of His help. That help comes by His GRACE and grace as the policy of His plan is given to the undeserving (all mankind), to the totally helpless, hopelessly condemned sinner...everyone!

And so again, condemnation must precede salvation. God is completely fair to every member of the human race. Born spiritually dead, we are born to be able to receive grace from God...first salvation grace and then the grace from the plan of God for each of our lives. And grace TRULY comes our way.

In order to understand a lot more of what efficacious grace is, we have to examine the picture of the salvation of the individual believer. So now we are at the point of being physically alive and spiritually dead...condemned. We have a way to say this and you've seen it in our lessons before and we call this "total depravity". But what exactly is total depravity, and what does that have

to do in respect to God providing eternal life to a person? The key is a look at the totally depraved person from God's Word based on the understanding of the unbeliever's condition...what the unbeliever can and cannot do. **1 Cor 2:14 "But a natural man (unbeliever) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually examined."** A depraved person is a very, very wicked or evil person. That's right! We were all born totally wicked or evil because of Adam's original sin assigned to us at birth. Remember, at birth, we haven't committed any personal sins yet and we are called totally depraved!!!! The GOOD NEWS if you remember also is that since we are condemned because of Adam's sin, we are eligible for salvation through hearing the Gospel and then believing in Jesus Christ. Yes a totally wicked person can by the grace of our genius God believe in Jesus Christ? What a wonderful Father we have.



Satan tries to attack this with religions that say a totally wicked person could not believe in Jesus but they are dead wrong!! God would never do that to a helpless person who had nothing to do with his sinful condition at birth! God has a wonderful plan for salvation for all who seek Him...and that is simple faith...belief in Jesus and you all now know how that is accomplished now...it's GOD'S efficacious grace through the Holy Spirit that accomplishes that and don't you ever forget it.

Close in prayer

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