

QUESTIONS OF FAITH

MAY 7, 2023 / AM I REALLY A SINNER? / ROMANS 5:12-21

THE QUESTION OF WHAT SIN IS AND HOW IT IMPACTS OUR LIVES NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED IN EVERY GENERATION. IT'S FOUNDATIONAL TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, YET THE CULTURAL ASSUMPTIONS AROUND THIS QUESTION HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY, ESPECIALLY OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES. WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF SIN IF WE HOPE TO EXPERIENCE THE ABUNDANT PROVISION OF GOD'S GRACE.

Read Romans 5:12-21.

1. How would you define sin or explain it to someone who was asking?
2. According to this passage, where did sin originate (Romans 5:12-14)? (see Genesis 3:11)
3. What were the immediate consequences of the original sin of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:10)?
4. How does the Bible describe the state of spiritual death (Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 8:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 4:17-18)?
5. In what ways has a broken relationship with God resulted in a crisis of identity for people?
6. How can a true understanding of sin lead us to a greater experience of God's abundant grace (Romans 5:17)? (see Romans 6:8-14)
7. In what ways can you deepen your daily experience with God's grace?

Holy Spirit, lead me to reign in life through a greater reliance on the person and work of Jesus on my behalf.