

Romans 5:12-17

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Greater Grace

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Introduction: Mass shootings, human tragedies, future dangers, sin, lawlessness, and death = The triangle of Evil

Apostle's dual conclusion:

1. The Triangle of evil affects everything; but...

2. Nothing can separate Christ from His Loved Ones

Key question: Will a bad background separate me from Christ's heart?

Key thought: Christ's Grace is greater than your background

I. The Triangle of evil (v12-13)

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You are not alone. Sin, lawlessness, and death affect "the world."

A. Why am I as I am?

1. Sin entered the world through Adam (v12a)

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2. Sin's consequences spread through the world (v12b+c)

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a. By repetition (12b) everyone sins

(12b)

b. By representation (v13-14) original sin touching everyone

(v13-14)

B. How does humanity React to "original sin"

Complaining: That's not fair

II. The Gospel's response to the triangle of evil

Answering our complaint with these reminders

A. Even if you don't like the root, you can't deny the fruit (12c- all sinned)

(12c-)

1. Original sin keeps us from running away from Jesus (12c)

(12c)

2. Original sin keeps us running to Jesus to Jesus (v15)
(v15)

B. Even if you don't like the original, you should love the sequel

1. Adam is a "type" of Christ (v14c)
(v14c)
2. Christ is an antidote for Adam's sin (v16)
(v16)
3. Christ is an antidote for Adam's influence (v17)
(v17)

Conclusion: Balancing the scales with Greater Grace