

Grace Freedom News

Changing lives through the Gospel and Biblical truth

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"If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

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To Our Partners and Supporters:

Thank you for your willing heart and continued support of Grace Prison Ministries. Your prayers and support are used by God to change lives and sustain this ministry. Since the Covid-19 restrictions were put into place in March of 2020, our jail and prison visits in the USA have been put on hold, and our April 2020 prison conference that had been planned had to be canceled. We were recently hopeful of returning to the Tennessee prisons and Nashville jails but there was a spike in Covid cases, so this has been postponed until further notice. We came to find out that most prisons and jails around the country are also limiting physical interaction with prisoners. However, we continue to correspond with some of the prisoners through mail, since the use of technology and internet classes is not allowed. We are currently working to put pre-recorded services and lessons on DVD so inmates can continue to seek refuge in God's Word. We believe that Covid-19 has served God's purpose in the world because we believe in the Sovereignty of God. Keithian is, however, teaching classes for others around the country through Zoom meetings on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and is using this time for refreshment and preparation of future opportunities. Our God, Who is the Sovereign Creator, has used this time to get us to hit the reset button and open more doors. Your continued prayer and financial support has paved the way for continued service to our Lord and some well needed refreshment.

God has opened a new ministry of ours in Kenya. He is supplying for the need of those in Kenya to have sound teaching. We have started Charis Bible Institute in Kenya, Africa via Zoom, and now carry a government permit to serve in five Kenya prisons. The staff and government of Kenya are so excited that we will be bringing grace and hope to the prisoners there. It also has been so encouraging to see the hunger for truth amongst the pastors and prisoners there.

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"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
MARK 2:17

Through the pandemic Keithian has been able to study more and prepare for this new season of ministry. It is our prayer that you all continue to keep the faith, and please pray for wisdom that we go through the right doors. Beloved, we do not have as much time as many may think so let us keep the fire burning for the Lord, and His service in the world. Remember, only what is done for Christ will last.

Yours in His service,
The GPM Team

Grace Prison Ministries Weekly Schedule Nashville, TN (Central Time):

Monday	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Prison Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	2:00am - 4:30am	Kenya, Africa Zoom Pastors' Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00am - 6:00am	Kenya, Africa Zoom Pastors' Bible Study
Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Zoom Bible Study
Friday	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Prison Bible Study
Sunday	9:30am - 11:30am	Zoom Old Testament Survey

OUR MISSION

Grace Prison Ministries Mission Statement in fulfilling the twofold mission of the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:19-20) is as follows:

1. **EVANGELISM** - This includes winning the unsaved that are incarcerated but not limited to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through:

- a) The presentation of the simple gospel message of faith alone in Christ alone for salvation to those incarcerated and abroad.
- b) We will make the gospel as clear as possible, relying on the convicting ministry of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the decision to believe or reject to the individual.
- c) We will use no gimmicks to win people to Christ.

2. **EDIFICATION** - Bring to spiritual maturity those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation by teaching them the Word of God so that they too can function as part of the body of Christ in furthering evangelism and edification. We do this in the following manner as God provides:

- a) We provide Bibles as God provides to those who don't have one.
- b) We teach sound doctrine in the prisons, in a local church setting, and through prison conferences.
- c) We provide resources like Biblical books, recorded and written lessons.
- d) We direct the believer to a local church upon release from prison.

In conjunction with these two primary missions, we also have the following objectives:

EQUIPPING - Start Bible Institutes in prisons providing resources for training, so the serious students of the Word of God can be trained for local church service and missionary work abroad especially in the prisons.

Assisting the needy as God provides and directs us - This may include but is not limited to:

- a) Provision of food
- b) Provision of clothing
- c) Transportation

“You cannot build Christian Character through human energy. Christian Character is produced by the Holy Spirit in the Believer not by the Believer.”

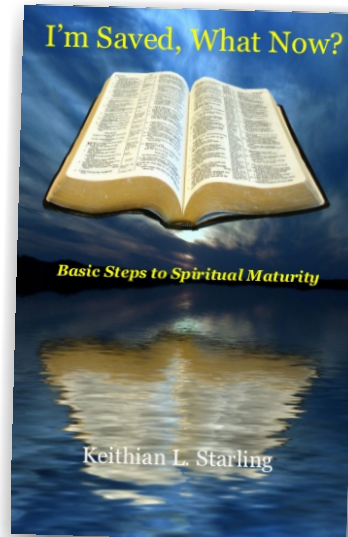
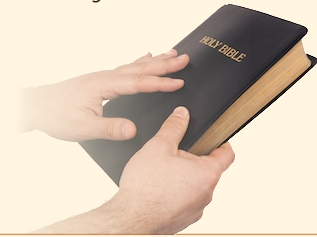
Keithian L. Starling

Never Tune Out!

A former park ranger at Yellowstone National Park tells the story of a ranger leading a group of hikers to a fire lookout. The ranger was so intent on telling the hikers about the flowers and animals that he considered the messages on his two-way radio distracting, so he switched it off. Nearing the tower, the ranger was met by a nearly breathless lookout, who asked why he hadn't responded to the messages on his radio. A grizzly bear had been seen stalking the group, and the authorities were trying to warn them of the danger.

Any time we tune out the messages God has sent us, we put at peril not only ourselves, but also those around us. How important it is that we never turn off God's saving communication!

Harold M. Wiest, *Power for Living*

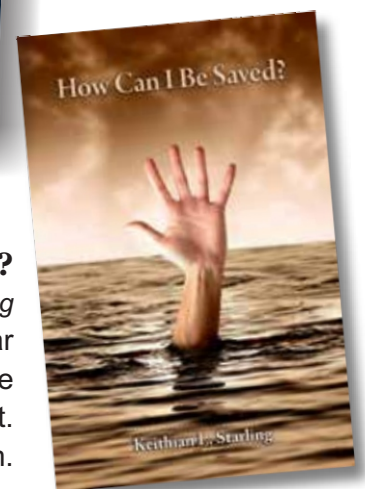


I'm Saved, What Now?

by Keithian L. Starling
A basic step by step guide for new believers.

How Can I Be Saved?

by Keithian L. Starling
A simple and clear presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
A tool for evangelism.





OPEN DOORS IN KENYA PRISONS

Praise the Lord dear Elder Brother Rev. Keithian Starling and all GPM USA. In utter Humility and Grace {Charis}, I thank the Lord for the greatest Divine Work He is doing through you in Kenya Prisons and the Charis Bible Institute you began of recent.

Allow me to kindly inform you that you serve a true living God. You are sincerely called into this task. One can easily realize your zeal for fellow lost humanity. You demonstrate the gospel so well through a compassionate approach while adhering perfectly to the principles of Bible interpretation and an insistence on the need for right living {Holiness}.

Now the same God you serve faithfully has again opened another door for GPM USA in Bungoma Women and Children Prison {Kenya}. Here we have 59 women prisoners and 8 children for three to one day old baby who was born while there. I personally was summoned by the Dep. Commissioner of Kenya Prisons, Mrs. Omundi, and Chief Inspector of Bungoma Women Prison ♥ to inform you that they would like your services to be extended from Busia Prison to Bungoma Women Prison as well. Therefore to get a clear picture of what they meant, I had on 15/2/2021 to travel to Bungoma Women Prison to clearly verify every fact on the ground. And so I had to comb every place and room in the compound. Here in pictures I will show you what I found. For truth Rev. Sterling and GPM Team, God needs your services and wisdom here.

First of all from my observation, these women and children need sound doctrine, the undiluted one, and proper understanding of their dignity and value in God's Kingdom and society.

I found out that what other preachers do here is to teach but not follow up to these inmates once they are released from prison. Many of these prisoners are denied access to their communities once they go home due to their bad reputation. Some live on the streets and their lives worsen and they find themselves back

to prison. As for the children they leave at home, many are hated and mistreated by their neighbors as children of evil parents. Children who live in prisons with their mothers are in bad shape. I think, dear Rev. Sterling and your team and maybe with my humble assistance on the ground, the Lord needs to guide on the road map to deal with these children in and out of prison. I never saw any baby care unit there {Bungoma}. No chapel for women to worship. No beds in prison. No single television to refresh on. No proper skill learning activities for inmates apart from one sewing machine.

While here I found these necessary requirements for these women and children:

- Bibles
- Television
- Learning materials (sewing machines, knitting needles, threads, books)
- Diapers
- Tissue papers
- Sanitary towels
- Baby clothes
- Soap
- Tooth Paste
- Baby cots/Mattresses
- Baby towels
- Blankets
- Children's playing toys
- Laptop



In the Name of Jesus Christ, I am humbled to love and serve under GPM and to be led and taught and guided on the right path of Life.

Always ready to Serve and Love...
Your faithful Son,

Dickson Khayoko



IMPACT STATEMENT

from OLD TESTAMENT

SURVEY STUDENTS

We began our journey through Genesis by traveling to the Ark Encounter. The size of the ark was magnificent. The first eleven chapters of Genesis are probably the most debated verses in the Bible. We learned that Genesis is the foundation for how the world was created, why there is sin, why there are multiple languages and nations, and everything else that science tries and fails to explain. For example, creation demands a creator because nothing can only create nothing so someone had to create everything! Also, fossils do not show evolution, they show death! They point to the judgment of water that God put on the earth in Genesis 6 with the Flood. God clearly states that He is Holy and must judge anything that does not meet His standards. Seeing the world today, knowing it has gone through the Flood gives me hope in Christ's return. You see sin multiplying in our day; most believers cannot be distinguished between unbelievers because both are living by the control of their flesh. The world is mocking believers saying "Where is His coming?"—just as Noah was mocked for proclaiming that a flood was coming even though it had never rained. Just as it is an absolute fact that the Flood occurred and the world was judged by water, it is also an absolute fact that our Holy and Just Lord and Savior will come back and judge this world again — but this time by fire. I pray believers are prepared so they will not lose rewards and I pray that unbelievers repent and trust in Christ as their Savior. (Eph 2:8-10).

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be discovered. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,



because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by Him—II Peter 3:8-14.

- Chad

Genesis was very impactful for me because of all the vast information that it has. I have learned so much about the genealogy of the human race: from where we come from, why there are many different kinds of races and languages (because of the tower of Babel), to why the earth has become the way it is (because of the Flood). Being able to trace the

lineage and learning that the earth is only 6,000 years old was super interesting to me because that was something I didn't know. As most people believe, I thought that the earth was millions of years old as well. But as you continue into Genesis you can see how that simply is not true. Everything is clearer now to me and just makes so much more sense than what is being taught from a worldly point of view. I loved seeing how God worked in the lives of the different men in Genesis such as Noah, Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob. It was very encouraging to see the promises he made to these men. Even though they all faced many different adversities and hardships, they believed and held on to the fact that all things would work together for good because God said it would and it always did. I feel so blessed and grateful that Keithian can take so much time out of his day to teach us such beneficial, valuable knowledge, and information that will last forever.

- Kerbi

This study of Genesis has been very eye-opening and powerful for me. It's amazing to know how everything came to be and how God's plan was predestined. Throughout the study, I've been able to come to a better understanding of His Word. The more I learn about God and his plan for us, the closer I get to Him in fellowship and relationship. I can put all my trust in God and know He is faithful to His Word. I am more than thankful for you and Keithian taking the time out of the day to teach us and help us learn and grow. This is such an amazing opportunity and experience. I'm beyond blessed. Thank you so much and God Bless.

- Adam

REPORT FROM GRACE PRISON MINISTRIES KENYA

First and foremost I want to give Glory to God for such an appointed time like this to have such a dedicated True Servant of Jesus in our Country of Kenya especially Busia Town. It was my dream, my desire and deep prayers to God that, one day in my walk of life, God will link me to a true servant of God. I have listened to people preach and teach but none has convinced me like His Servant Rev. Keithian Starling.

The devil tried His best to resist me to come close to this wonderful servant of God but I prayed even more for God's intervention and He did obstruct the enemy. And with God's timing, this is my day and a day for all those with similar prayers in Africa and around the world.

Sir, I want to draw your attention to what God began through you here in Kenya, Africa. Since the beginning of our classes through Charis Bible Institute, almost a month now, we the students who listen to you teach have keenly and joyfully observed the following:



1. You are truly a man of God.
2. You understand very well what you teach us {Bible} and it's interpretation.
3. You bring back the aroma and fragrance of the old and all important teachings taught by Jesus but forgotten today by clergy and us included.
4. You live what you teach.

You bring back to us what Jesus taught in Matthew 9:16-17: *"When someone patches old clothes, they never use a piece of cloth that is not yet shrunk. If they do, the patch will shrink and pull away from the old cloth and make a bigger hole. Also, people never pour new wine into old wineskins. They would burst, the wine would spill out and the wineskins would be ruined. People always put new wine into new wineskins, which won't break, and the wine stays good."*

Wow, dear Elder Brother Starling, you are changing lives. Soon there shall be one true Centre of Truth and sound doctrine in Busia and Kenya at large by God's Grace!

Pastors who attend these classes are astonished at your way of explaining scriptures – simple and clear. How we wish you came to Kenya as soon as possible. Our old theologies are undergoing natural death as we continue listening and learning from you. We wine skins are getting cleaned and ready for new wine.

God bless you. May you live forever in Jesus' name.

Yours faithful Son,
Dickson Khayoko

BEFORE I WAS AFFLICTED

One of the greatest joys of my life is the prison ministry that the Lord has given my two sisters and me the privilege of being a part of. It is so wonderful to see the openness of those women towards the gospel. I often think about how different it is on the outside where people are physically free and yet show so little interest in the things of God, especially the Gospel of salvation by faith alone in Christ alone. Even "Church going" people are not interested in talking about anything that has to do with the spiritual life. Yet those women in jail, for the most part, are eager to learn and hear the good news. Women who would never attend a Bible study on the outside listen intently while incarcerated. So often in life people don't think they need God, or at best they just put Him on the shelf until they are faced with a problem that they are incapable of fixing. I know, because I've been there myself. That's why one of my favorite verses is Proverbs 119:67: *Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.*

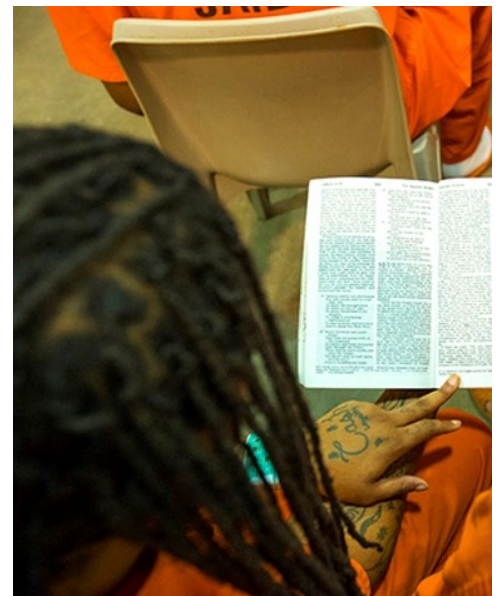
We have had so many women tell us that if God hadn't allowed them to be sent to jail, they would probably have never turned to the Lord.

"Religious" people often don't see their need for God, they don't see their sin, or they compare their sins with those who are incarcerated and feel superior. I know of a woman who does not approve of our prison ministry because she believes that these women do not deserve to be comforted. She is a church going woman, yet doesn't believe you can go to heaven if you are a sinner. It's hard to accept the gospel message of salvation if you don't think you need a savior. The women who are incarcerated know they are sinners who need a savior, and are grateful for the simplicity of the gospel.

God's Word is there for the taking. Accepting it, however, is a matter of humbly realizing its worth and our need. That is why He allows suffering in our lives, because without it many would never look to Him.

We as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ need to pray for those friends, neighbors and relatives who have rejected the most precious gift ever given, the simplicity of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

GPM TEAM
MEMBER



Man's 4 Steps Downward



1 Rejection of God's Divine Revelation

- God Reveals Himself through Creation.
- God Reveals Himself through His Written Word.
- God Reveals Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

A rejection of God's revelation leads to:

2 Idolatry

Man replaces God for the worship of creation rather than worship the Creator.

3 Immorality

Sexual perversion including sex with many partners and homosexuality.

4 Depravity in Moral Conduct

A lifestyle not governed by God's divine moral standard leads to wickedness of every kind. When a person's life is not under the dictates of divine revelation that person's lifestyle is under the dictates of the sin-nature.

The Penalty: The Wrath of God

The Solution: Faith in Jesus Christ and Living by His divine standards revealed in the Word of God

"Salvation from the penalty of sin is not by man's efforts or ability but by God's ability through the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

- Keithan L. Starling



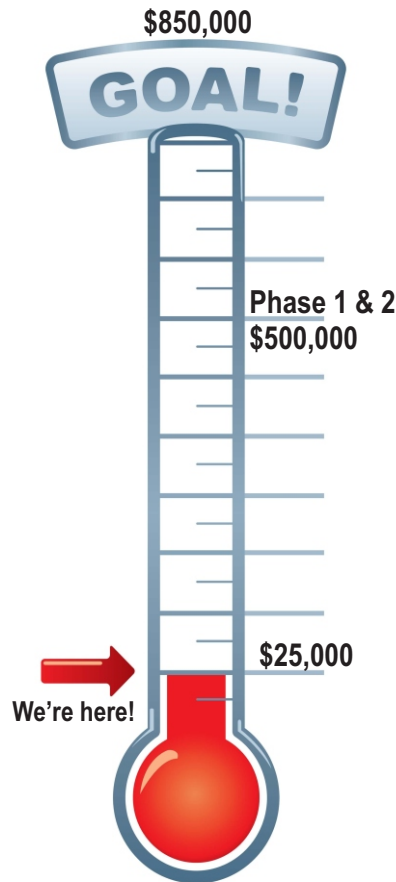
Praise Report from Kenya

Following our first biblical training with you our dear brother Keithian, I am pleased on behalf of all Ministers of the gospel in Kenya in our class, to gracefully thank the Lord for bringing you to Kenya through mobile Apps to teach us God's Word. Dear brother Keithian, what you are teaching us explains what kind of a man of God you are. Your teaching holiness has surprised us all as this is rarely taught here in Kenya and maybe in Africa at large. Money is the only emphasis here. Your emphasis on the need for one to live a holy life has formed the backbone of your teachings and therefore all are able to see and understand that we are being led and taught by the true servant of God. Pastors told me to put in writing their pleasure to learn from you no matter what it takes. God bless you as you continue with the good work of the ministry in Jesus' name.

Yours faithfully,
Bishop Dickson Khayoko
On behalf of all Pastors



Grace Refuge Complex Report



Grace Refuge Complex will be a division of Grace Prison Ministries Inc. It is the vision of Grace Prison Ministries to purchase a 20-80 acre rural tract or farm to use as a training ground and discipleship ministry for those released from prison and jail.

This complex will consist of the Grace Prison Ministries offices, a Bible Learning Center, a guest house for volunteers, transitional housing for those released from prison, and a work-shop and farm for growing crops so they can have a way to earn income immediately.

PLEASE GIVE NOW

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Results of Justification by Faith

Paul after finishing his description of how God has revealed, and imputed to humans His provided righteousness on the basis of the sacrificial work of Christ on the cross received by faith (3:21-5:10) in Romans 5:12-21 deals with the universality of death through "one man", Adam, and the universality of life through "one man", Jesus Christ. In this section Paul makes a contrastive parallelism between the work of Adam, and the work of Christ. The two main subjects of Paul up to Romans 5:12-21 are Condemnation and Justification by Faith.

In Romans 5:12-21 Paul looks not at what individuals have done but what Adam did in the fall and what Christ did at the cross and the consequences of those actions on humanity. Adam's sin brought condemnation through his action and Christ's obedience provided justification to believers. Justification through Christ overcomes the effects of the fall of Adam. In this section we see six contrasts:

1. Adam and Christ
2. Disobedience and Obedience
3. Sin and Righteousness
4. Law and Grace
5. Condemnation and Justification
6. Death and Life

In this section we see the number "one" used twelve times. It is used as "one man" whether Adam or Christ. It is used of "one act" whether of the act of disobedience or the act of obedience, and "one result" whether the result of condemnation for all or justification for all.

Here in Romans 5:12-21 we have two men, two acts, two results, two differences, two kings, two abundances, and two contrasted states. The two men are Adam and Christ. The two actions - Adam's disobedience (v. 12, 15, 17, 18, 19) and Christ's obedience (v.18). The two results of these two actions are condemnation and death because of Adam's disobedience (v. 15,16,18) and Justification and Life because of Christ's obedience (v.17,18,19). The two differences are God's grace by Christ abounds beyond the sin of Adam (v.15), and the many sins on Christ justifying and causing those who believe to reign in life (v.16). The two kings are sin and grace. Sin reigning through Death (v.17) and grace reigning through Righteousness (v.21). The two abundances are grace and the gift of righteousness (v.17). The two contrasted states are: condemned men are slaves of death, by Adam's disobedience, and justified men, reigning in life, by Christ's obedience.

Adam's action brought death, and Christ's action brought life. Christ's act of obedience by dying on the cross made all who trust in Him righteous apart from any works of the law (5:18). The theme of paragraph 5:12-21 is the power of Christ's act of obedience to overcome Adam's act of disobedience, and its consequence (sin-nature and death). In this section Paul sums up all that has gone before (1:18-5:11).

Adam and Christ are viewed by Paul in 5:12-21 as federal heads. A federal head is a person who acts as the representative of many others, and whose actions results in consequences that the individuals he represents inevitably experience.

The Imputation of One Man's Sin - Adam

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. - Romans 5:12

The word therefore here is a transitional word and indicates a loose relation between what has gone before and what follows. Paul connects what he is about to say with what he had said already. Paul says here that sin entered the world through "one man", and sin and death are the result. There is a causal relationship between the one man, Adam, and the coming of sin into the world. Some say Adam was the leader of the spirits who sinned in a preexisting state and were condemned to be born as men. Therefore Adam was the cause of sin entering the world because he was the author of a preexisting apostasy. The Pelagian theory is that Adam was merely the occasional cause of men becoming sinners. He was the first sinner and others followed his example. Therefore there is no real connection, either natural or judicial between Adam's sin and the sinfulness of his posterity. Others say that Adam was the efficient cause of the sinfulness of his race. His nature deteriorated either physically or morally and was transmitted to his posterity. Others say that Adam was the race. He was not only a man but man. The whole race was in him, so that his act was the act of humanity. The meaning of this section of scripture is to be determined by the context and the analogy of scripture. What we will find as we allow scripture to speak is that Adam was the cause of sin and death, and Christ is the cause of righteousness and life.

*through **one man** sin entered into the world*

Why did Paul say it is through one man that sinned entered the world? But wasn't it Lucifer who first sinned in heaven before he was cast down to the earth? Yes, that's true. Before Adam sinned, Lucifer sinned. And before Adam sinned his wife was seduced by the serpent. Why then does the text say "through one man"? The scripture says that eve was deceived, but Adam was not. So apparently Adam knew exactly what he was doing. Adam willfully rebelled against God. He made a conscious decision. Being the head of the human race and by willfully sinning he bore the greatest responsibility. Death was the consequence for Adam's intentional sin. Eve also died even though Adam was credited with bringing sin and death into the world. Lucifer was the first sinner but Adam was the first human to sin and bring sin and death into the world. All men were affected by this "one man's sin" without partiality. In Genesis 2:17

we see the prohibition command given to Adam and a warning if not obeyed. If the first man disobeyed God's command, the consequence would be death.

In Genesis 3:6 we see Adam's disobedience to God's command. God had told him "in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die". Death is depicted in Romans 5:12 and Genesis 3 as separation. Physical death is the separation of man's soul and spirit from the body, and spiritual death is separation from God. God's penalty for Adam's sin was both spiritual and physical. Since Adam was physically alive after he disobeyed we can conclude that he died spiritually at the moment of disobedience, and will die physically. We see in Gen. 3:19 the consequence for his disobedience was physical death.

"So death spread to all men, because all sinned." 5:12b

Sin and death entered the world through "one man", Adam. Eve is not mentioned in this verse though she sinned first but she wasn't the head of the human race. Adam was the head of the human race and we were in Adam when he sinned. Adam acted as a representative of all mankind. He was the federal head of the human race. In human government when a ruler of a nation signs an official document, he signs it for all the people in the nation. He is acting for them. So when Adam sinned as the head of the human race, the results of his act affected the entire human race. The entire human race was seminally and physically in Adam, the first man.

Adam's sin was considered by God to be the act of all people and his penalty of death was judicially made the penalty of everyone. When he sinned, all sinned, and when he died all died (1 Cor. 15:21-22). So death came upon all as a result of Adam's sin in Genesis 3:6. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Adam's act of disobedience resulted in his descendants receiving a sin-nature, and dying spiritually and physically (5:12, 15,17, 18, 19). Adam is responsible for the human race's condition. He is responsible for men being made sinners as Paul expressed in 5:19, thus making them guilty of sin, depraved by nature, and under the death sentence. The corruption of the whole nature is called Adam's original sin. Adam's sin in the garden corrupted his whole nature and the nature of those in him. It is from this corrupt state that all actions of transgression comes. Men are subject to death by means of Adam's original sin, and not because of their personal sins. All men are born with the sin-nature, and that makes them sinners.

Adam's Headship

Biblical evidence supports the natural headship of Adam. When presenting the superiority of Melchizedek's priesthood to Aaron's, the author of Hebrews argued that Levi, the head of the priestly tribe, "who collects the 10th, paid the 10th through Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor" (Hebrew 7:9-10). When Adam sinned all men were in Adam. When he sinned, all sinned, and when he died all died though not yet born (1 Cor. 15:22). All men are born with Adam's depraved nature, and as a result commit personal sins. Just as Adam is the cause of sin and death, Adam is said to be a type of Him who was to come (5:14). Adam was a

type of Christ in that he was a man. Adam was an imperfect man prefiguring Christ as a perfect man (1 Cor. 15:22; 1 Cor. 15:44-49). Christ is the cause of righteousness and life.

The Imputation of One Man's Righteousness Resulting in Justification and Life

But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. (Romans 5:15)

Paul in verse 15-17 compares Adam's action and its result with Christ's action and its result. Paul started this parallelism in verse 12. He now gives detail to this parallelism here. The first parallelism we see in this section is here in verse 15, namely: "the free gift and the transgression". The "one" transgression that resulted in the many dying is a reference to Adam. The "many" mean all people. The trespass of Adam brought spiritual and physical death to all people since we all were in Adam when he sinned. Adam became sinful through his sin in the garden, he then begets children with the sin-nature who are born sinful and evil thus under the penalty of sin which is condemnation and death. Their action did not bring about their condemnation. Adam's sin brought about the condemnation.

By contrast God's grace (free-gift) brought through the one man, Jesus Christ abounds to many (believers). What does Paul mean by free-gift? The gift of justification is free meaning it cannot be earned by the action of those condemned but only received as a gift by faith. God's grace gift is available to all though not all appropriate this grace gift. Human free-will places limits on who receives this free-gift through Christ. God offers the free-gift but men must choose to exercise faith to appropriate this free-gift. Only those who believe receive the free-gift. The effect of Jesus Christ's action of obedience on the cross on people was more superior than the effects of Adam's action of disobedience in the garden as the "much more" indicates (5:15b). Jesus Christ cancelled the effects of Adam's sin through His obedience at the cross, and provided "the righteousness of God" received by faith.

Keithian L. Starling



What is **SIN**?

Sin is ...anything that deviates from the character of God.

Sin is ...the transgression of the Law of God; breaking God's rules. (1 John 3:4)

Sin is ...knowing to do good but not doing it. (James 4:17)

Sin is ...anything not of Faith; not trusting God. (Romans 14:23)

Sin is ...when we ignore God. (Proverbs 24:9)

DON'T FALL BACK INTO SIN!

Confess sins more.

Pray more.

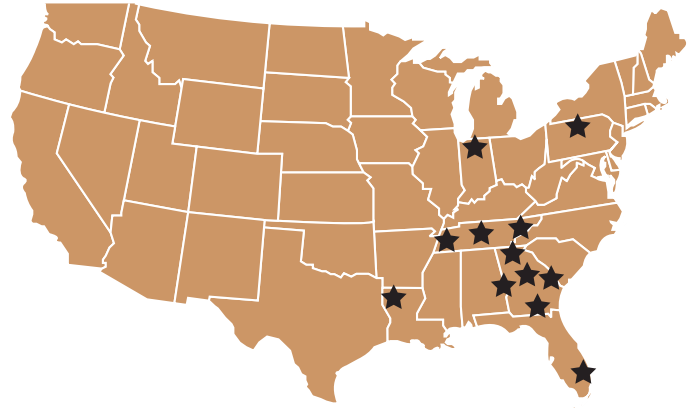
Study the Bible more.

Apply the Bible to life more.

Serve more.



Our Presence



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grace?

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Grace Prison Ministries, Inc. is a Christian, grace-oriented, nonprofit organization incorporated in Tennessee which focuses on changing the lives of prisoners and their families through evangelism and sound Bible teaching.

Discipleship through Mail

The Discipleship through Mail is our discipleship



correspondence ministry designed to equip new believers in the basic fundamental doctrines for living the Christian life.

Operation Impact Lives

Operation Impact Lives is our annual 2 day prison conference with a team of pastors and church leaders from around the world coming together to impact the lives of those incarcerated through sound Bible teaching.



Grace Refuge Transition Facility

Our aftercare ministry assisting those released from prison with transitional housing.



Charis Bible Institute

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