

THIS IS US

Part 3 – Healing the Dysfunction Within Us

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The Creation of US → The Corruption of US → The Redemption of US

HUMANITY CAUGHT THE BLAST ZONE OF ONE MAN'S CHOICE

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. Romans 5:12-14 NIV

THE PATTERN IS SET

ADAM: ONE MAN → ONE ACT → IMPACTS EVERYBODY

Am I being held responsible because of what someone else did? T / F

HUMANITY SAVED BY THE BLAST ZONE OF ANOTHER MAN'S CHOICE

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Romans 5:15-17 NIV

THE PATTERN IS REPEATED

JESUS: ONE MAN → ONE ACT → IMPACTS EVERYBODY

Am I being blessed because of what someone else did? T / F

WHAT A GIFT THIS IS!

DIFFERENT IN ESSENCE (selfish choice → sin vs unselfish choice → salvation)

DIFFERENT IN EFFECT (one act/pain vs one act/infinite # unique blessings)

DIFFERENT IN SUBSTANCE (followed one act of sin vs followed innumerable acts)

DIFFERENT IN SENTIMENT (terrible vs wonderful)

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us."

Ephesians 1:7-8

HEALING BY RECEIVING

...how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. Romans 5:18-19 NIV

ME: ONE MOMENT → ONE CHOICE → IMPACTS EVERYTHING

EVERY HUMAN BEING ALIVE IS EITHER ...

ALIVE PHYSICALLY/DEAD SPIRITUALLY **OR** ALIVE PHYSICALLY/ALIVE SPIRITUALLY
(STILL IN ADAM & STILL CURSED BY HIS CHOICE) (IN CHRIST AND BLESSED BY HIS CHOICE)

CANCELLING THE CURSE = OPENING THE GIFT OF GRACE

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NIV

SAY YES TO THE PERSON OF CHRIST.

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12-13 NIV

SAY YES TO THE WORK OF CHRIST.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NIV

SAY YES TO THE LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

SAY YES TO THE FAMILY OF CHRIST.

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.