

10/01/10 am – What is the Gospel? – sermon 2

# **One Act ... Big Consequences!**

Romans 5:18-19

*Theme: Adam's disobedience spells disaster for mankind but Jesus' obedience spells good news.*

# **One Act of Trespass and its Consequences**

(Romans 5:18a, 19a)

One act of trespass led to big consequences for the human race.

How was the human race involved in Adam's sin?

God appointed Adam as the representative of the human race.

When Adam broke God's command (Genesis 2:16) he broke it on behalf of his posterity.

The consequences of Adam's sin for his posterity are called the **Doctrine of Original Sin.**

There are two main aspects of this doctrine:

- 1. Guilt.** From conception a person is guilty before God. *Cf.* Ps. 51:5.
- 2. Pollution.** From birth every person has a corrupt nature.

This pollution has major effects on  
each person:

1. Each person is radically corrupt.  
(Doctrine of Total Depravity)

Sin penetrates to the very **core** of  
everyone's being, *cf.* Matt. 15:18-20.

2. Each person is unable to do anything of merit in the sight of God by his/her own effort.

(Doctrine of Total Inability)

*Cf.* Rom. 3:9-12.

When God evaluates a person's actions  
He looks at the motive.

The supreme motive required of all we  
do is love of God.

Fallen man is also unable to remove his  
own radical corruptness, *cf.* Jn. 6:65.

One act of trespass meant disaster for  
mankind.

All are born guilty, polluted, depraved,  
helpless.

We are not sinners because we sin; we  
sin because we are sinners.

This is bad news!

**But** the Gospel is good news despite  
man's natural state/condition.

# **One act of Obedience and its Consequences (Romans 5:18b, 19b)**

One act of obedience by a man can  
have marvelous consequences for  
mankind.

What consequences result when  
anyone follows Christ as Lord and  
Saviour?

A person gets:

1. a new representative

-Jesus.

*But the news gets better ...*

2. a new status.

*Cf.* Eph. 1:3-5.

*But the news gets better ...*

### 3. a new nature.

*Cf.* Ezek. 36:26; Gal. 5:17.

*But the news gets better ...*

### 4. a new inheritance.

*Cf.* Eph. 1:11; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

# **Conclusion: Good News Despite ...**

The Gospel is good news about God—  
God's holy justice does not prevent Him  
from being a God of grace and mercy.

The Gospel is good news about mankind—although Adam's disobedience spells disaster for mankind, Jesus' obedience spells good news. Through Christ a person can have a new representative, a new status, a new nature and a new inheritance.