

**Scripture:** Romans 5 CoF: art 15 (1)  
**Singing:** 15:1-3 – 419:1-3 – 154:1-4 – 111:1, 3

**The Dark Truth of our Fallen State (1)**  
**I. We are guilty II. We are sinful**

Intro: What is wrong with us?

A. Art 14: *God's answer where it went wrong*

B. Art 15: *God's teaching how Adam's sin affected us*

C. Art 14-15: *God's teachings remain relevant on the questions in our culture*

I. God teaches us that we are all *guilty* people

A. Romans 5:12-21: *our guilt-issue*

1. We learn that *both Adam and Christ* are representatives of groups

2. We learn *how* each affected their group

a. vs. 12: *sin vs. salvation*

b. vs. 15, 17: *death vs. life*

c. vs. 16, 18: *condemnation vs. justification*

d. vs. 19: *sinner vs. righteous*

e. vs. 20, 21: *reign of death – reign of eternal life*

3. We learn that *Adam's deed of sin* applies personally to you

a. We are guilty in Adam (Rom. 5:12)

b. This is proved in fact of Romans 5:13-14

B. The result: *we are born as 'children of wrath'* (Eph. 2:3)

II. God's Word and experience teach us we all are also sinful people

**Wrap-up:**

A. It is understandable and acceptable to be upset with Adam's sin!

B. Yet it is wasted energy to resist our sovereign God's arrangement!

C. Thankfully God did not leave us stranded in Adam's fall!

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**BEFORE YOU LISTEN...**

1. How is this glass a picture of you?
2. How do you know that you need to be saved by Jesus?

**AS YOU LISTEN ...**

3. If you do a sin, like you cheat or are unkind, how does that also touch other people like your family or friends?
4. "Long time ago, Adam sinned and now we suffer for it." That is true. But why are we suffering for Adam's sin?
5. This topic is not an easy or nice topic. So why then must we learn about it?

**AFTER YOU LISTEN ...**

6. There are many sad stories every day. People do bad things to each other. What would you do if a friend was unkind or mocked someone?
7. Sadly, you will discover that your own heart may bubble up things that are better not said or done. Would it be ok to speak to Jesus about those things?