




From enemies to friends

From abounding sin to abounding  
Grace



Doctrine – who needs  
doctrine?

Watch your life and doctrine  
closely. Persevere in them,  
because if you do, you will  
save both yourself and  
your hearers.

(1 Tim 4:16)



# Enemies of God


When Jesus died for us we were:

- Powerless
- Ungodly
- Still sinners
- God's enemies!



# Greater love has God

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.  
14 You are my friends if you do what I command.



By faith into this Grace we  
have

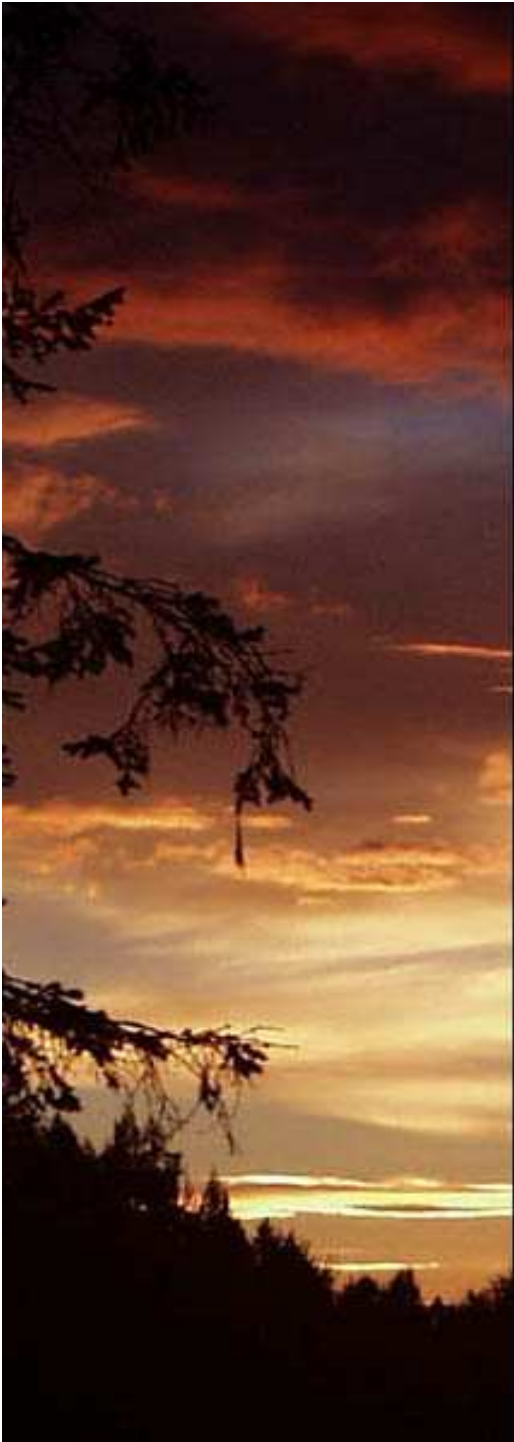
- Peace with God,
- Access to God,
- Grace to stand

**Our standing with God  
depends on our position in  
Christ and not on our  
perfection or personal holiness**



# Reconciliation

- Walking by the power of the Holy Spirit living in us
  - Not by the flesh (doing what feels right)
  - Not by the Law (trying to do what is right on the outside)



## Reconciliation – an end of Hostilities

- Who cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden?
- Who placed an angel to guard the tree of life from mankind?
- Who became sin for us so that we could be reconciled?
- Rom 3:25-26



## The beginning of the end...

- Romans 5:12 says a lot about why things are as they are
- It also says a lot about our redemption





Adam – a pattern of one to  
come

Adam – sin – death → passed down  
to all generations

Doctrine of Original Sin



# Original Sin

- A judgment of God passed on all mankind whereby Adam's sin is imputed to all
- All are born corrupt because they are included in the sin and guilt of Adam.
- This is the root of each person's inherent disposition to sin, confirmed by their own sinful acts:
- A person is not a sinner because he sins, **he sins because he is a sinner**

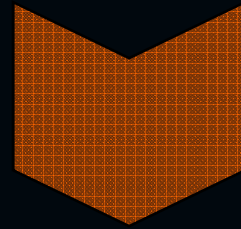


How do we know this is true?

- Everyone dies
- Everyone sins

# Why did God do this?

Adam – sin – death → passed down to all generations



Jesus – righteousness – life → to all who believe

Rom 11:32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.



It's not fair!

Adam's sin → imputed to all

Our sin → imputed to Christ

Christ's righteousness → imputed to us



Impress your friends with  
dead languages!

Simul justus et peccator

(At the same time righteous  
and sinner)

