

“SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW.”

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied the emphasis throughout this article.

Romans 5:12 - 14: - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

NOTE: - A brief summary of this passage will help make clear to the reader the fundamental gospel truths that Paul is teaching us here: -

- **DEATH ENTERED OUR WORLD BECAUSE OF SIN.**

Romans 6:23: - “For the wages of sin [is] death; ...”

James 1:15: - “... and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

- **ALL PASS UNDER THE SENTENCE OF DEATH BECAUSE ALL HAVE SINNED.**

Romans 3:23: - “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

Ezekiel 18:4: - “... the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”

- **SIN EXISTED IN THE WORLD BEFORE THE LAW WAS SPOKEN IN THE TIME OF MOSES.**

- **SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW.**

Romans 4:15: - “... for where no law is, [there is] no transgression.”

- **DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES.**

☞ Based upon the fundamental principle **THAT SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW**, the following conclusions can be drawn from this passage: -

1. The Law of God existed in Adam's day for him to have committed sin, and thus for him to come under the sentence of death.
2. As death causes sin, and death reigned from the time of Adam until the time of Moses, the Law of God existed from Adam's time right through to the time of Moses.
3. As all have sinned, all pass under the sentence of death; therefore **THE LAW OF GOD APPLIES TO ALL PEOPLE AND FOR ALL TIME.**

4. If the Law of God is not still binding upon all people and for all time, then there can be no such thing as sin, and then there can be no death. Take away these fundamental gospel truths, and you have destroyed the need of Jesus Christ and of his saving gospel.

The Bible teaches us that Christ came to save sinners; to give himself a ransom for all; and to be the Saviour of the world.

Matthew 9:13: - "...for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

John 4:42: - "...and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

1st Timothy 1:15: - "... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; ..."

1st Timothy 2:6: - "Who gave himself a ransom for all, ..."

1st Timothy 4:10: - "...because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, ..."

☞ Therefore all the people of the world are sinners and are under the sentence of death, for which Christ came to be their Saviour from. This also means that the Law of God is binding upon all the people of the world, and for all time!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:56: - "THE STING OF DEATH [IS] SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN [IS] THE LAW."