

What Is the Gospel?
Man the Sinner
Romans 5:12-21

Have you ever noticed that many people tend to think of sin, especially their own, as nothing more than a parking infraction? We know in our minds that technically sin is a violation of the nature and character of God as revealed in his law, but in our hearts we think that God has his eyes on the “bigger” criminals out there. The things that we do don’t require a lot of soul-searching on our part, do they?

Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin,
and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

--The Apostle Paul, Romans 5:12

1. Our sinful nature predisposes us to sinful actions.
2. Our sinful nature necessitates our death.
3. Our sinful nature is remedied by Christ’s gift.

With all the bad news about who we are and where we are going, we might be tempted to throw our hands up and say, “What’s the point of anything?” The Bible contains enough bad news to point out our condition, but the Bible is not a book of bad news. It is intended to be a book of good news. Every verse and every word points to the fact that God does not want to leave us in this condition. Instead, these words point us to the way of restoration and restored fellowship with God.