



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 043 - Sorry Moses, But I Wasn't Even Born Yet!

[Deuteronomy 5:1-5](#)

Moses told the Israelites they had heard God's voice at Sinai even though most of them hadn't been born at the time. The Bible often speaks about ancient events as if we were standing right there too.

In Romans 5:12, Paul speaks about Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden and how the results of his disobedience spread to each of us, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." Since all humans are offspring of Adam and Eve, our interconnectedness with them—and with each other—has their sin contaminating us all.

This interconnection runs deep in the human family. What one person does seldom affects him or her alone. The fallout extends beyond those people who are alive at that moment. It continues down through many generations that are yet unborn.

- Describe something your parents or grandparents did before you were born that still has an impact on your life today.
- Discuss how the fallout from Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden still impacts our lives today.

Some Christians reject the teaching that we inherit the sinful nature and guilt of Adam and Eve. To them it seems unfair for God to hold us responsible for a sin our ancestors committed long before any of us were born.

- How would you answer this objection?

Our interconnectedness with each other is a fact of our lives. And even though it often has dire consequences, it also has some great benefits as well. Paul writes, "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:21-22). Through our interconnectedness with Adam and Eve, we inherited their guilt, sin, and death. But through our interconnectedness with Jesus Christ by faith, His forgiveness and life spreads to us as well.

- Describe the benefits of being connected to Christ's perfect life, death, and resurrection.

In Romans 5 Paul shows how our connection to Jesus Christ begins in Baptism, "Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

- How does being joined together with Christ—despite the number of years that separate our lives from His—impact your thoughts about your own Baptism?
- What does this interconnection say about Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "This is My body given for you; this is My blood shed for you"?