

The Scriptures testify that by Adam **came** the fall of man, and because of the fall of man **came** Jesus Christ, and because of Jesus Christ **came** the redemption of man. Without the grace of God, which He has shown through Jesus Christ, we would have been lost forever.

3:23 For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **3:24** Being justified freely by his grace **through** the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **3:25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation [atonement] **through faith** in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; [Romans 3:23-25]

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THE FALL OF MAN



Through the transgression of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, all men were **separated** from the presence of God, **both spiritually and temporally**. Thus all men became **unclean** through the sin of our first parents [*read* Romans 5:12-21].

“Wherefore, as by one man
[meaning Adam] sin entered into
the world, and ***death by sin***; and
so death passed upon ***all*** men,
for that ***all*** have sinned.”
[Romans 5:12]

However, men are **not** judged simply because of the sin of their parents, as the Prophet Ezekiel wrote, “Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth **not** such like...he shall **not** die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live...The soul that sinneth, **it shall die**. The son shall **not** bear the iniquity of the father” [Ezekiel 18:14, 17, 20]

Though what transpired in the Garden of Eden has affected us all, we are **held accountable for our own transgressions**. Paul wrote, “So then every one of us **shall give account of himself to God.**” [Romans 14:12].



Nevertheless, God **knew** that we would fall short of the glory of God. Thus, He established a **great plan of redemption** from the very beginning of the world so that we might be brought back into the presence of God.