

Romans 5:15-6:1
Grace: The Shared Human Experience

Bible Reference: [Isaiah 53:6]: *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.*

Note: Every person at one time or another has preferred following his or her own selfish way to obeying God's righteous commandments (**Romans 6:1**); we are all guilty, and therefore we all need Christ.

[Romans 3:23]: *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*

[II Corinthians 5:17]: *Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Note: Through the creative command of God, those who accept Jesus Christ by faith are made a new creation that belongs to God's totally new world in which the Spirit rules (**Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 2:10**). The believer becomes a new person (**Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 2:10,15; 4:24; Colossians 3:10**) renewed after the image of God (**II Corinthians 4:16; I Corinthians 15:49; Ephesians 4:24 Colossians 3:10**), sharing His glory with a renewed knowledge and understanding (**Romans 12:2**), and living a life of holiness (**Ephesians 4:24**).

Deeper Study: [Romans 5:14]: *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 (I Corinthians 15:45,49)*

(AMP): Yet death held sway from Adam to Moses {the Lawgiver}, even over those who did not themselves transgress {a positive command} as Adam did. Adam was a type {prefigure} of the One Who was to come (in reverse, the former destructive, the latter saving).

[I Corinthians 15:45,49]: *And so, it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam a quickening Spirit. And as we have borne the image of the earthy (first), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly (last).*

Final Thought: [Titus 2:11-13]: *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.*

Note: (vs. 11-14): describe the character and purpose of God's grace. According to Paul, saving grace **(1)** has appeared to all people everywhere, not just to a select few favorites" who supposedly are the elect from eternity (**vs. 11; II Peter 3:9**), **(2)** instructs believers to



decisively reject the ungodly passions, pleasures and values of the present age and regard them as abominable (**vs.12; Romans 1:18-32; II Timothy 2:22; I John 2:15-17**), and (3) commands and empowers believers to live “righteously, and godly,” while waiting expectantly for the blessed hope and appearing of Jesus Christ (**vs.12-13; Galatians 5:5; Colossians 1:5; II Timothy 4:8**).

Q: What is meant by: The shared human experience?

Q: Who or What is meant by: The second Adam?

Q: What is the nature of the second Adam?

Q: What happens to our old nature after receiving Jesus Christ into our lives?

Q: What is meant by the statement all have sinned and come short of the glory of God?

