

## Only Human Death Resulted from Adam's Sin<sup>1</sup>

**All statements about death resulting from the fall of Adam pertain to human death:**

...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that **you** eat from it **you will surely die.**" (Gen 2:17)

By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till **you return to the ground**, because from it **you** were taken; for **you** are dust, and **to dust you shall return.**" (Gen 3:19)

Therefore, just as through **one man** sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men**, because all sinned-- (Rom 5:12)

Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam**, who is a type of Him who was to come. (Rom 5:14)

But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if **by the transgression of the one the many died**, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. (Rom 5:15)

The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand **the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation**, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. (Rom 5:16)

For if **by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one**, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:17)

So then as **through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men**, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. (Rom 5:18)

For as **through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners**, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

...so that, as **sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (Rom 5:21)

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since **by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.** (1 Cor 1:20-22)

**"Death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Rom 5:12). All humans sinned in Adam because he is their covenantal head. Adam is not the covenantal head of animals. To say that animals are in Adam would be to undercut the uniqueness of humans being in the image of God.**

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from John Beckman with slight modification.