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- 1) *5:9* As if it were not enough to completely overwhelm us with assurance of His love, God also promises believers protection from His wrath in the final judgment (1 Thessalonians 1:10).
- 2) *5:10* Reconciliation only happens in the context of a personal relationship.
- 3) *5:10* God reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, yet every person must respond in faith in order for that forgiveness to become effective (2 Corinthians 5:19–20).
- 4) *5:10* The ever-present nature of God's power also provides what is needed to break free from the control of sin (Romans 6:18). God has made every provision for us to live out our lives in holiness.
- 5) It is not that God's truths are unexplainable but that some explanations are beyond human comprehension. Our responsibility is to accept in faith both what is clear and what remains a mystery.
- 6) *Romans 5:12–14* lays the foundation by pointing out the obvious truth that death is universal to creation.
- 7) *5:12* The primary responsibility for the first sin was Adam's, because it was to him that God directly gave the command.
- 8) *5:12* All mankind is affected by what Adam did. The Bible does not attempt to make this wholly understandable; it simply declares that Adam's sin was transmitted to all.
- 9) *5:12* In this verse, sin does not represent a particular unrighteous act but rather the inherent propensity to unrighteousness.
- 10) *5:12* Death is the natural consequence of sin.
- 11) *5:12* A person does not become a sinner, but rather commits sin because by nature he/she is a sinner (Matthew 15:19).

12) *5:12* Three forms of death:

- Spiritual separation from God (Genesis 3; Ephesians 2:1).
- Physical separation from this life
- Eternal separation from God in the Lake of Fire

13) *5:12* An unbeliever has reason to fear death: Spiritual death prevents earthly happiness; physical death brings an end to opportunity for salvation; eternal death brings everlasting separation and punishment.

For believers Christ has removed the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-15): We are saved permanently by Jesus from spiritual and eternal death; physical death ushers us into His presence.

14) *5:13* One cannot be a lawbreaker if there is no law to break.

15) *5:14* Death was just as potent in the absence of that law as in its presence.

GREEK WORDS

5:9 Polys (pol-oos')—abundant, great (deal), plenteous

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