

THE STORY OF US

According to Romans 5

ADAM & SIN

Sin entered the world through the first man, Adam. Therefore, death began to reign on earth and spread to all people.

DEATH RULES

Humanity became ungodly, disobedient, enemies of God who were then ruled by sin, headed for condemnation and death, helpless to change their situation.

THE LAW

Introduced by God to illuminate, multiply and therefore increase responsibility for sin. (Think MRI machine; shows the invisible problems already there!)

JESUS & LIFE

Just like death came through Adam's one act of sin, life entered through Jesus' one perfect sacrifice that fulfilled the law and brought the gift of righteousness.

By faith in Jesus as Lord we are put back in good standing with God ("reconciled, justified") by receiving his gift of grace.

GRACE RULES

Grace began to rule over death and multiplied to make many righteous (just like death condemned many), even if/as sin increased.

THE SPIRIT

We have life, access to God, hope and joy even as we suffer. Endurance and character are possible, as we await eternal life, because of God's love in us through His Spirit.

FUTURE

LIFE rules for all eternity through Jesus Christ. Those under grace are fully and completely saved from God's wrath in the coming judgment.

JUDGMENT

DEATH continues its rule for those left in sin and under the law. They are condemned under God's wrath in the coming judgment.