

# Why is There So Much Evil in the World?

**Text: Romans 5:12-17 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup>To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup>Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

## Introduction

“Not everything in the world is good. Not everything in the world is happy. Not everything in the world is beautiful. In fact, real evil does exist in the world. You can pick up any kind of newspaper, and if you start going through it, you're going to find—in the international section—terrorism and war and genocide. If you go through the national section, you're going to find political payoffs and lies and scams and churches set on fire. If you go through the local section, you're going to find rapes and abuse and murder and arson. If you go through the business section, you're going to find scandals, fraud, and graft embezzlement. If you go through the sports section, you're going to find drug use, illegal gambling, and adultery. If you go through the entertainment section, you're going to find too many scandals and sins to even mention. No rational person can deny that evil—real evil—exists in this world.” - Rick Warren

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## I. Sin Is the Reason for Evil in The World (v.12).

### A. There is a corruption in the human heart we know as sin.

“Sin includes a failure to do what is right. But sin also offends people; it is violence and lovelessness toward other people, and ultimately, rebellion against God. Further, the Bible teaches that sin involves a condition in which the heart is corrupted and inclined toward evil.”

### B. Sin is not subjective, it not merely about doing wrong or personal failure.

SIN is "any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God" ( [1 John 3:4](#) ; [Romans 4:15](#) ), in the inward state and habit of the soul, as well as in the outward conduct of the life, whether by omission or commission ( [Romans 6:12-17](#) ; [7:5-24](#) ). It is "not a mere violation of the law of our constitution, nor of the system of things, but an

offence against a personal lawgiver and moral governor who vindicates his law with penalties. The soul that sins is always conscious that his sin is (1) intrinsically vile and polluting, and (2) that it justly deserves punishment, and calls down the righteous wrath of God. Hence sin carries with it two inalienable characters, (1) ill-desert, guilt (reatus); and (2) pollution (macula).", *Hodge's Outlines*.

## **II. Sin is in a Big Part of This World (v.12-13).**

5 realities:

- A. Sin entered through man.
- B. Death came because of sin.
- C. Death comes to all people.
- D. All have sinned.
- E. Death reigns for now.

## **III. However, God Is Still in Control of This World (v.15-17).**

- A. God's response to humanity's sin was grace.
- B. God's grace has been extended to all.
- C. God's grace can deliver all.

## **Conclusion**

"If you find an apple with a worm hole, it does not mean that there is a worm inside the apple. It simply means that an insect laid an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatched in the heart of the apple, then ate its way out."

Despite the appearance, the worm doesn't work its way into the apple, it works its way out. And so, it is with sin. It doesn't work its way into our hearts, it works its way out. Although manifest much later through our words and actions, it was there all along, hidden in the very blossom of our human nature. -- <http://freesermonillustrations.com/tag/romans-512/>