

Retroactive Positional Truth: Separates the Believer from Human Good & Evil; Current Positional Truth: Identification with Christ in Resurrection, Ascension, & Session; Original Sin & Imputed Sin: All Sinned when Adam Sinned, Rom 5:12; All Personal Sin Judged on the Cross Therefore Not Imputed, Rom 5:14

13. Among the various attributes of the sinful nature is human good, its area of strength which does not necessarily produce sin but does promote the plan of Satan in opposition to the plan of God.
14. The believer is positionally separated from human good and evil because of retroactive positional truth. The sin nature is no longer the internal dictator over his soul since its sovereignty is broken. Consequently, satanic influence is broken as well only to be revisited through personal sin and the failure to rebound
15. As our Lord rejected human good and evil, so must the believer. This is accomplished by spiritual growth through consistent study of Scripture.
16. When we believe in Christ our sin nature is identified with His spiritual death on the cross which breaks its power as the ruler of our lives. We have received a divorce from this corrupt and abusive first husband and given the right to remarry our second Husband, Jesus Christ.
17. Identification with our Lord's physical death separates us from good and evil while identification with His burial gives us a divorce from human good and evil.
18. Identification of our sinful nature with the Lord's physical death and burial indicates that once we die physically the sin nature will be buried with our deceased physical body – a separation that illustrates the perfection of our resurrection body issued at a time yet future at the Rapture of the church.
19. Since retroactive positional truth breaks the power of the sin nature over our lives, then it also separates us from its tactics of human good and their metastasized result called evil.

Current Positional Truth

1. Current Positional Truth is our identification with Christ in his resurrection, ascension, and session. As Jesus was resurrected into a new life by means of the resurrection body, so also we are ushered into the potentiality of a new life.
2. Current positional truth results in quite a number of advantages for the believer but primarily it includes the imputation of divine righteousness.
3. A passage in Romans five addresses this indispensable asset. We will note several verses from Romans 5 in order to establish context and then include some needful exegesis:

Romans 5:12 - Just as through one man [**Adam**] the sin nature entered into the world, and spiritual death through the sin nature; consequently, spiritual death spread to all men, because all sinned [**πᾶς + ἁμαρτάνω (pas + hamartanō)**] when Adam sinned—

NOTE: "All sinned" in verse 12 is the noun *pas* plus the aorist active indicative of the verb *hamartanō*: "all sinned." The constative aorist tense gathers the action of the verb into one single event relative to the entire human race. Therefore, when Adam sinned, we all sinned. Adam was the federal head of the human race and consequently we were all seminally in Adam when he sinned.

The sin nature is inherited from Adam, our original parent. For it to be hereditary, the DNA of Adam had to have been altered by the original sin. When his semen was transferred to Eve the resultant pregnancy produced the first natural-born Homo sapiens. His name was Cain and his rap sheet clearly reveals the presence of the sinful nature. At his physical birth, Cain was physically alive but spiritually dead because his father's sin nature was present in every cell of his body and Adam's original sin was imputed to it. Condemned at birth, Cain never acquired spiritual life because he rejected Messiah as his Savior.

The active voice of *hamartanō* indicates that since the human race was seminally in Adam, then we all produced the action of the verb. This active voice means we cannot blame our condemnation of Adam. If we had been in his place, we would have fallen as well.

With this established, Paul now moves into a parenthetical elaboration of the difference between the first Adam who fell and the last Adam who remained impeccable. The parenthesis opens in verse 13 and concludes with verse 17.

Romans 5:13 - (For until the law the sin nature was in the world, and imputed sin was in the world: but personal sin was not imputed when the law did not exist.

NOTE: This is an important doctrine. Before the Mosaic Law codified sin, sin existed in the human race from Adam to Moses. Everyone had a sinful nature and everyone sinned without a clear definition of sin.

Ignorance of sin does not change the fact that sin is sin. Even when the Mosaic Law was decreed to the Israelites, all it did was to identify sin, but it was not capable of eradicating or restraining sin. Sin was in the world before Moses and remained so after Moses.

The principle is that regardless of one's awareness of sin, it has no bearing on the fact that he is condemned. We are condemned at birth due to the imputation of Adam's original sin to our sinful natures at physical birth rendering us all spiritually dead.

It is the imputation of Adam's sin that condemns us. Our personal sins are never imputed to us for judgment but rather to Christ who made salvation possible through His spiritual death.