

# Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

## PRAIRIE VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Scripture of the Week



#### **Romans 5:12, 15**

Verse 12—“*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.*”

Verse 15—“*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.*”

Total Hereditary Depravity and the inheritance of Original Sin are beliefs prominently held among people professing faith in Christ. Much of the religious error taught in the denominational world stems from the false conception that sin has been passed down through Adam and Eve from generation to generation. The practice of baptizing infants and the belief that God predestines certain people to be lost and others to be saved are just two examples of the many. Let's consider some of the terrible implications of believing that sin is inherited.

**Man isn't born in God's image.** God is a righteous, spiritual being. If all are born depraved sinners, we are

born in Satan's image, not in God's (Genesis 9:6). We know that isn't true. **The Bible is wrong about sin.** The Bible teaches that sin is the transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4). If sin is inherited, it comes without violation. **Our God is an unjust God.** God is just (Isaiah 30:18) and He loves justice (Isaiah 61:8). Justice doesn't hold someone accountable for an infraction that he did not or could not commit. **The Bible isn't true.** The Bible teaches clearly that children cannot bear the guilt of their parents' sins (Ezekiel 18:20). Sin is not an inheritable trait and cannot be passed down. **Jesus was born a sinner.** Scripture teaches that Jesus was completely

our Savior. Paul went on in the rest of the chapter to compare and contrast the curse that Adam brought to mankind, and the blessings that Jesus brought. Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin (verse 12). Through one Man grace entered the world and life through grace (verse 15). The whole point of this chapter is to show how utterly dependent everyone is on Jesus, whether Jew or Gentile. Unfortunately, many people go to this passage to try and prove that all people inherit sin from Adam. That is a complete perversion of this text. All people aren't lost unconditionally through Adam, just as certainly as all people aren't saved unconditionally through Jesus.

### Born Dead or Alive?

without sin (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus was born pure like all people, but unlike us, He remained sinless.

Please don't fall for one of Satan's greatest lies of all time. He would have you believe that you were born in his likeness and not after the image of God. Nowhere in the Bible is it taught that people inherit sins, not even in Romans chapter 5. A closer examination of the text will clarify this truth. Verse 12 states that sin entered into the world through one man, and death spread to all men. That verse goes on to tell us exactly why that happened – “*because all sinned*”. All people die spiritually when they sin and not a moment before then.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30**

**Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:30**

**Sunday Evening Worship Service.....6:30**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:30**



**Biblical Illiteracy**

I recently read an article on the internet entitled, “*Illiteracy: The Downfall of American Society*” published by Education-Portal.com. In the article the author wrote that “illiteracy is causing irreparable damage to our society.” He then cited some statistics taken from different surveys to confirm his assertion. He wrote that 44 million adults can’t read a simple story to their child. 50% of adults can’t read at an 8th grade level. 20% of all adults are functionally illiterate and can’t read at a 5th grade level. According to the author, these statistics speak to much more serious problems than just the inability to enjoy a good book. He claimed that at least 46% of American adults live below the poverty level because of a lack of knowledge due to their literacy

limitations, and that detention centers and prisons are filled with people who can’t read. It is difficult to confirm the accuracy of statistics because different surveys produce different results. But all the recent studies indicate that illiteracy is a serious problem that is negatively effecting the prosperity of citizens of our nation. As troubling as these findings are, the human race has an illiteracy problem with even more devastating consequences to consider. If the above percentages are fairly accurate, that means 80% of all Americans actually do have the ability to read fairly well. But the vast majority of those people willingly choose to remain biblically illiterate. The Bible is the collection of books that God has given to mankind to explain to us who He is, who we are,

what He expects of us, why we are here, and what we must do in order to live in heaven and avoid hell for eternity. You can see that much more is at stake here than just job opportunities and avoiding jail time. The eternal destiny of every person hangs in the balances of each one’s ability and willingness to learn and obey the word of God. God wrote in Hosea 4:6, “*My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.*” Even God’s own people are exposed to the perils associated with biblical illiteracy. We can’t afford to be ignorant of God’s will for us on any level. Please, study the Bible every day and learn and remember as much of God’s word as you possibly can. God is going to judge each one of us by the Bible He gave to us (John 12:48). It’s just that important.

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**GOSPEL MEETING AUGUST 15-17 WITH GERRY SANDUSKY — Please mark your calendars and make early plans to attend every day of this short, three day meeting with Gerry Sandusky of Madison Indiana. Brother Gerry has entitled this series of studies, “Standing at the Door of the Day of Eternity”. Each lesson will be taken from the New Testament book of 1 Thessalonians, and the goal of this meeting will be to motivate each one of us to live every day of our lives on planet earth as if it might be our last.**