

A MESSED UP WORLD
Reframing Your Worldview Part 4
Rom. 5:12-14
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I. THE REASON: _____

“Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death.”

Rom. 5:12 (NCV)

“There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins.”

Eccl. 7:20 (NLT)

Three kinds of wrong doing:

Sin means _____

Transgression means _____

Iniquity means _____

Psalms 32:5 *“I acknowledge my sin to You. I did not cover up my iniquity and I confess my transgression and You forgave my guilt.”*

II. THE RESULT: WE LIVE _____

1. NATURAL _____

“Creation was condemned to lose its purpose...” Rom. 8:20 (TEV)

“Creation is confused...” (CEV)

“All of creation groans with pain...” Rom. 8:22 (TEV)

2. PHYSICAL _____

“Our physical body is becoming older and weaker.” 2 Cor. 4:16 (NCV)

“Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man.”

1 Cor. 15:22 (NLT)

“All creation anticipates the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.” Rom. 8:21 (NLT)

3. EMOTIONAL _____

“They are distressed, because they had been confident; they arrive there, only to be disappointed.” Job 6:20 (NIV)

“I realize I don’t have what it takes. I can will it, but I can’t do it.” Rom. 7:18 (Mes)

4. RELATIONAL _____

“... they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together to cover themselves.” Gen. 3:7 (NLT)

5. SPIRITUAL _____

“They’ve refused for so long to deal with God that they’ve lost touch not only with God but with reality itself.” Eph. 4:18 (Mes)

III. THE RATIONALE: WHY GOD LETS IT CONTINUE

1. TO GIVE US _____

“Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, and between life and death.”

Deut. 30:15 (TEV)

“In due season God will judge everything man does, both good and bad.”

Eccl. 3:17 (LB)

2. TO SHOW OUR _____

“God allows people to continue in their sinful ways so He can test them. That way, they can see for themselves that they are no better than animals.” Eccl. 3:18 (NLT)

“When I want to do good, I don’t. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway.”

Rom. 7:19 (NLT)

3. TO DEMONSTRATE _____

“The Lord isn’t being slow about His promise to return, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so He is giving more time for everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)

IV. MY RESPONSE:

1. RECEIVE _____

“Through the sin of one man death began to rule because of that one man. But now, how much greater is the result of what was done by one other man, Jesus Christ! All who receive God’s abundant grace and are freely put right with Him will rule in life through Christ.” Rom. 5:17 (TEV)

2. REMEMBER _____

“I am here on earth for just a little while.” Psalm 119:19 (TEV)

“This world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven.”

Heb. 13:14 (LB)

3. REJECT _____

“My people have done two evil things: They have forsaken Me – the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”

Jer. 2:13 (NLT)

4. REACH OUT _____

“Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving message into the night.” Phil. 2:15 (Mes)