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REPRIEVED

Because of Adam's rebellion in the garden his sin was passed on to all mankind. Romans 5:12 says, ***"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned..."***

The sin nature is inherent in each of us. You do not have to teach a child to sin, because that sin nature is within him. He was born with it. You can tell a child no, but often they do what they should not be doing because their sin nature is controlling them.

Romans 6: 23 says, ***"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*** The death that this verse speaks of is spiritual death – separation from God for eternity.

The only thing that changes this spiritual death is a reprieve. A reprieve cancels the punishment one deserves for their sin. The only way to have it cancelled is by payment for our sin through one's sinless blood. None of us have that, so we must depend upon the one that does, and that person is Jesus Christ. Because he paid for our wages of sin debt with his innocent blood, we can be reprieved by accepting his free gift of salvation. It cost Jesus everything, but it costs us only the surrendering of our will to his will and receiving his loving gift of eternal life. We have been reprieved by his blood sacrifice. Oh, what a savior!

Now we live free from that death penalty. We have been reprieved for eternity. There is no greater gift that could be given to us!