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Numbers

Seven

Complete Uncleanness of Sin

According to Rom. 5:12 and 1 Cor. 15:22 all of mankind died in Adam. When Adam transgressed in the garden of Eden he died in trespasses and sins and he brought all of his posterity into a state of being dead in trespasses and sins. Thus, it is proper to say of all of Adam's posterity that they are dead in trespasses and sins due to the sin of Adam.

In the 19th chapter of Numbers anyone who came in contact with a dead body was considered unclean. In Adam, all of his posterity came in contact with his dead body when he died in trespasses and sins in the Garden of Eden. This rendered all of mankind completely unclean: Num. 19:11 "He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. 12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. 13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him. 14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. 16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days."

Only those who were purified with the water of separation were cleansed from the uncleanness associated with contact with the dead. Similarly, only those purified with the sprinkled blood of Jesus are cleansed from sin. Those not purified with the sprinkled blood of Jesus are still unclean from sin.

Being declared clean on the seventh day indicates that the cleanness was a complete cleanness. Being sprinkled by the blood of Jesus made us completely clean.

