The Inscrutable Question: Spiritual Death Personified by Ray Morgan; Biblical Documentation of the "Ray Morgan" Factor

- 13. The imputation of Adam's original sin at physical birth is the basis for our spiritual death.
- 14. No member of the human race is condemned on the basis of his personal sins, for all personal sins were collected into one PROM chip and imputed to Christ for judgment.
- 15. Since none of our personal sins are ever imputed to us they cannot be the basis for our spiritual death. Adam's sin is.
- 16. Since our personal sins were imputed to Jesus Christ for judgment then He died spiritual death as a substitute for us.
- 17. Therefore, the love *of* God for us in eternity past can only be demonstrated to the human race since a perfect God with perfect love cannot personally love spiritually dead people.
- 18. Since Adam's fall resulted in the creation of the sinful nature and since that sinful nature spread to all men by procreation, all men are born spiritually dead.
- 19. This spiritual death is activated at physical birth by the imputation of Adam's original sin to the genetically formed sinful nature.
- 20. Thus, human works of righteousness have no impact or consequence upon our spiritual status before the demands of a righteous God. We are born with Ray Morgan on first base.

Biblical Documentation of the "Ray Morgan" Factor

A. Introduction:

- 1. There are two verses that when considered together explain how the love *of* God in eternity past is demonstrated to a spiritually dead human race.
- 2. First of all, the undiminished love of God that makes up divine integrity cannot be directed personally to objects that are totally depraved by sin.
- 3. These sins must be dealt with in a fashion that does not compromise divine integrity and its composites of righteousness, justice, and grace.
- 4. Further, the standards of divine righteousness must be defended and upheld but justice requires that that defense must be fair.
- 5. Fairness demands a hearing on the part of each individual regarding his fallen condition and objective consideration of the divine solution.
- 6. Thus the grace plan of God insures that every person will either hear a clear presentation of the gospel or, if not, to deliver all those who for whatever reason don't get that hearing.
- 7. All grace solutions are the product of the love *of* God from eternity past. Divine omniscience perceived that Adam would fall.
- 8. God invented a plan that challenged Adam's volition with a divine mandate so that as long as it was obeyed Adam would maintain "perfect human life."
- 9. But if Adam used his volition to rebel he would, by reason of that decision, create a barrier between himself and God. Further, his DNA would be so unalterably changed that his fallen nature would be passed on to his progeny in procreation.
- 10. At physical birth, Adam's offspring, Cain, Abel, and Seth, inherited their father's sinful nature.

- 11. Further, to that sinful nature was imputed Adam's original sin. Adam's sons were born with "Ray Morgan" on first base and they could do nothing through human power to change it.
- 12. This is an expression of the love *of* God by means of the grace of God and may be stated by this principle: Condemnation must precede salvation.
- 13. Those who are perfect need no salvation: Adam before the Fall. Those who are condemned are in need of salvation: Adam and his progeny after the Fall.
- 14. Adam and Ishah were presented the gospel in the Garden and responded for salvation. Condemnation was removed by their faith alone in Christ alone.
- 15. Their sons were born condemned. Thus they were in need of a savior at physical birth. They grew to adulthood and were given the opportunity to choose for or against Christ.
- 16. Cain relied on human works whereas Abel relied on the substitutionary sacrifice of an animal. Since Abel's sacrifice was acceptable to God and Cain's was not, Cain, motivated by anger, murdered his brother.
- 17. Seth believed in Christ and actually was a part of the bloodline of Christ through Mary according to Luke 3:38.
- 18. By condemning mankind at physical birth through the imputation of Adam's original sin, man is granted the opportunity to be saved through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 19. Those who for whatever circumstances, die before reaching an age of accountability are saved. God's love insures that every person must have the opportunity to respond to the gospel before justice may impose eternal judgment.