

Romans 5:12-21 – Seeing the Comparison between Adam & Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned –

(¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, – as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

[Reverse comparison]

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass.

- For if the many died by the trespass of the one man,
- how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin:

- the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation,
- but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

[Like-for-like comparisons]

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man,

- death reigned through that one man,

how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness

- reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently,

just as one trespass

- resulted in condemnation for all people,

so also one righteous act

- resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man

- the many were made sinners,

so also through the obedience of the one man

- the many will be made righteous.

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²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SESSION 3 (5:12-21): The fundamental difference – Dead in Adam or Alive in Christ

How can it be such a big deal?

Seeing the Comparison between Adam & Christ [PTO]

1) Adam and the human race

- i) There was one man, Adam – the first human being
- ii) He sinned – Genesis 3
- iii) So death came into the world
- iv) Death came to all who belong to Adam, because all sinned

Adam = a pattern of the one to come (v14)

2) Jesus and the Christian race

- i) There was one man Jesus
- ii) He lived a life of righteousness
- iii) Because of his righteousness came into the world
- iv) Righteousness came to all who belong to him

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IMPLICATION 1: The fundamental difference – Dead in Adam or Alive in Christ

IMPLICATION 2: The best thing we can want for people is to be born again in Christ