

ROMANS
Our Message to the World
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

Understanding Adam and Christ

Romans 5:12-21

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- 5:12-14 **I. The great ruin of man.**
- A. Three-stage chain reaction:
- :12a 1. Sin enters the world through Adam's disobedience.
¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man...
- :12b 2. Death enters through the doorway of sin.
...and death through sin,...
- :12c 3. Adam's actions have universal effects.
...and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
- B. Reasons to believe in the Headship of Adam.
- :13-14b 1. The text affirms it.
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam,
- :14c 2. The context affirms it.
3. Federal Headship is good news we should want.
...who was a type of the one who was to come.
- :15-19 **II. The greatness of man's rescue.**
- A. Three-fold distinction:
- :15 1. Paul distinguishes the two actions of Adam and Christ.
¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.
- :16 2. Paul distinguishes the two results of the actions.
¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.
- :17 3. Paul distinguishes the ultimate effect of the two actions.
¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.
- :18-19 B. The greater imputation.
¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
- :20-21 **III. The greatness of the reign of redeemed humanity.**
²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A. Contemplate our great ruin in Adam.
- B. Rest in the great rescue of Christ.
- C. This will produce a faithful reign of Christ's new humanity.