

ROMANS: PART 25
EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL
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The Believer's Union With Christ -- Freedom From Adam's Condemned Race
Two Men -- Two Races. Romans 5:12-19

The Concept of The Federal Headship of Adam & Christ:

1. Adam & Christ were appointed by God to be representatives for other people.
 - ♦ "one man" (Adam): Rom 5:12,15,17,18,19. "One man" (Christ). Rom 5:15,17,18,19.
 - ♦ Therefore, Adam & Christ are the "heads" of particular bodies of people or races.
2. Adam & Christ's representation of us is extremely important:
 - ♦ What they did -- they did as representatives for their people.
 - ♦ What they experienced -- their people experienced.
3. Adam & Christ passed on to others the effects of their actions.
 - ♦ Thru Adam came: *sin & death* (12), *many died* (15), *judgment & condemnation* (16), *death reigned* (17), *condemnation* (18), *many made sinners* (19).
 - ♦ Thru Christ came: *grace of God & the gift* (15), *justification* (16), *abundance of grace & gift of righteousness* (17), *justification* (18), *many made righteous* (19).

The 1st contrast between our representatives: Physical death Vs. Eternal life. Rom 5:12-17.

1. Death is a universal result of sin's universal presence through Adam. Vs 12a. When Adam sinned -- we sinned in him. Vs 12b.
 - ♦ Death takes its toll on *all* people including those who lived before the Law was given & babies who do not sin in the way Adam sinned. Hence, *everyone* was made accountable through Adam's sin. Vs 13-14. Cf. Gen 5.
 - ♦ Death should never be made acceptable (Grks); ignored (post-Christian); defied (Nihilism); or denied (modern. American). It must be *conquered* thru Christ (I Cor 15:54ff; Job 19:25f).
2. When Adam died -- we died w/ him. When Christ earned et. life -- we gained it in Him. Vs 15
 - ♦ Adam's one transgression brought us condemnation (through which death came)...
 - ♦ yet justification (& the gift of et. life) *abounded* to us despite *many* transgressions. Vs 16
 - ♦ Adam's transgression brought the *reign* of death over us...
 - ♦ yet through Christ (those who receive grace & the gift of righteousness) we will *reign* in life. Vs 17.

The 2nd contrast between our representatives: Condemnation Vs. Justification. Rom 5:18.

1. Through Adam's transgression all people are condemned.
2. Through Christ's one act of righteousness (the cross) we are justified.

The 3rd contrast between our representatives: Spiritual death Vs. Spiritual life. Rom 5:19.

1. Through Adam's disobedience the many were made sinners -- we fell into sin.
2. Through Christ's obedience the many are made righteous -- we are made holy.

Application.

1. In Christ -- we have eternal security.
2. In Christ -- we have a new life. We are new creatures.
 - ♦ We are "*in His life*" Rom 5:10. "*In Him*" Eph 1:3,4,5,6,7,9,10,13ff.
 - ♦ We are His: *branches* Jn 15:1f -- *building* Eph 2:19f -- *body* Eph 1:22f -- *wife* Eph 5.
3. In Christ -- we live a mystery.
 - ♦ The Trinity is a union.
 - ♦ The Person of Christ is a union.
 - ♦ Christ & His people are a union.