

The True & Better Adam (Pt. 3)

Romans 5:12-21

I. Adam our Representative: How Sin, Condemnation & Death Came to All Men (12-14)

A. Adam's Representation Explained (12)

1. Sin Entered the World through Adam (12a).
2. Death Entered the World through Adam's Sin (12b).
3. Death Spread to All Men because of Adam's Sin (12c).
4. God Credited the Guilt of Adam's Sin to All Men (12d).

B. Adam's Representation Defended (13-14)

II. Christ our Representative: How Righteousness, Justification & Life Came to the Many (15-21)

Rom. 5:12-21 - The Flow of Paul's Thought

1. The Main Argument Started (12)
2. Two Parenthetical Issues Addressed (13-17)
 - a. What does "all sinned" mean? (13-14)
 - b. How is Christ different from Adam, the type? (15-17)
3. The Main Argument Completed (18-19)
4. The Function of the Law Addressed (20-21)

The Key Similarities between Adam & Christ

1. God appointed both as representatives.
2. God appointed both over their “seed” or descendants.
 - Adam – his physical seed
 - Christ – his spiritual seed
3. God appointed both as the only two representatives of humanity.
4. God credits the results of the work of both to their seed.
 - Adam – sin, condemnation, and death
 - Christ – righteousness, justification, and eternal life

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 - A. How Christ Surpasses Adam (15-17)
 1. He brought us grace instead of judgment (15).
 2. He brought us justification for our many sins instead of condemnation for Adam's one sin (16).
 3. He brought us life instead of death (17).