

The True & Better Adam (Pt. 4)

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)

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

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).

B. How Christ Replaces Adam (18-19)

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)

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1. God Now Treats Us Based on Christ's Actions (18)

a. Before in Adam: Condemnation resulting in Death (18a)

b. Now in Christ: Justification resulting in Life (18b)

2. God Now Regards Us Based on Christ's Actions (19)

a. Before in Adam: As Sinners (19a)

b. Now in Christ: As Righteous (19b)

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C. How the Law Fits the Plan (20-21)

1. The Crucial Role of God's Law (20a)

a. It increases the knowledge of sin (3:20; 7:7, 13)

b. It increases the seriousness and guilt of sin (4:15; 5:13; Gal. 3:19)

c. It increases the frequency of sin (7:8-11)

d. It serves as a tutor to drive us to Christ (Gal. 3:24)

2. The Greater Role of Grace (20b-21)

Key Lessons from Romans 5:12-21

1. Our justification in Christ happens exactly the same way as our condemnation in Adam.
2. The principle of representation makes justification possible.
3. Having Christ as our representative assures us of the security of our justification.
4. Through this passage, God invites you to receive the gospel.