

GRACE WINS

I. Adam and Christ Connected (vs 12-14)

A. "Therefore"

1. Paul attributes our reconciliation and our salvation to the death of God's Son
-How does one person's sacrifice bring such a blessing to so many?
2. Both halves of ch 5 end with the expression "*through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (vs11 and vs21)
-Adam and Jesus are the respective heads of the old and new humanities

B. "Just as" ?

1. Sin entered the world through one (through Adam's disobedience)
2. Death entered the world through Sin
3. Death has come to ALL and ALL have sinned

C. "Nevertheless death reigned"

-even before the law was given

D. A Pattern of the Coming One

Adam was a "pattern of the one to come"

SIN'S ENTRY INTO THE WORLD THROUGH ONE
SETS THE STAGE FOR SIN'S PUNISHMENT TO BE PAID BY ANOTHER

II. Adam and Christ Contrasted (vs 15-17)

A. Adam is the "type" or "prototype" of Jesus

-how can you compare the OG sinner to the Only Savior?

B. Two Heads of Two Ages

1. Adam, and the age of death
2. Christ, and the age of life

C. One of these not like the other...

1. The nature of their 2 actions (vs 15)
2. The immediate results of their actions (vs 16)
3. The ultimate effects of said actions (vs 17)

III. Adam and Christ Compared (vs 18-21)

A. The immediate results (vs 18)

- the work of Adam: condemnation
- the work of Jesus: justification

B. The nature of their actions (vs 19)

- the disobedience of Adam brought to bear a sin nature
- the obedience of Christ bestowed the gift of His righteousness
(Phil 2:8; 2 Cor 5:21)

C. The use of "all" and "many"

- Does "all" and "many" equal everyone, everywhere, regardless of faith or belief?
- 1. We are related to Adam and to Jesus in different ways
Adam in physical birth; Jesus in spiritual re-birth
- 2. Romans 5:17 clarifies the argument
-*"those who reign in life" through Christ are exclusively "those who receive God's abundant provision of grace"*
- 3. Romans emphasis is justification by faith not that all are justified regardless of faith
- 4. Romans contains solemn warnings that on the last day God's wrath will be poured out and those who persist in their sinful self-seeking life will perish

D. The Purpose of the law and the increase of Grace (vs 20, 21)

1. -the Purpose of the Law
 - reveals sin (3:20)
 - defines sin (7:7)
 - displays sin (7:13)
2. the Increase of Grace (vs 21)
 - Sin's increase (in spread and intensity across the world in all humanity is met head on with the increase of God's abounding grace.

IV. Grace Wins

Sin and death once reigned but do so no longer.
All the more, Grace and life reign through Christ Jesus our Lord

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY USHERS IN
THE PASSING OF THE REIGN OF DEATH
AND THE CORONATION OF THE REIGN OF LIFE.
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