



The Superiority of Christ

Seeing Paul's Contrast Between Adam and Jesus

There are only two persons whose actions have effected every person who has ever lived. Adam brought death. Jesus brought life. God moved to preserve mankind from eternal death by Jesus' one work of death on the cross and resurrection from an empty tomb. Although the consequences of Adam's sin is powerful, the work of Jesus completely overpowered it, freeing us from death and giving us life.

I. Four Things We Learn From Romans 5:12-14

A. Three things we can learn from 5.12:

1. 5.12a - Though one man _____ entered the world.
2. 5.12b - _____ entered the world through sin.
3. 5.12c - Death spread to _____ men - *because all sinned.*

B. 5.13-14 - death _____

1. *It affected even those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam.*
2. Infants, who are innocent of sin, some times die.

II. Romans 5:15-21: The Superiority of Jesus vs. Adam.

A. 5.15 - *The Effectiveness of One Man's Act.*

1. Focus on _____ vs. _____.
2. See the "language of abundance."
 - a. 5.15b - the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.
 - b. 5.16 - the gift covers many trespasses.
 - c. 5.17 - abundance of grace . . .

2. Death came by Adam, but it's power can be broken. See 2 Timothy 1.10.
- B. 5.16 - The Extent of One Man's Act. . .
1. Adam's one sin led to condemnation for all.
 2. Christ's one act can forgive many trespasses.
- C. 5.17 - The Efficacy of One Man's Act.
1. There was a great difference of results between each of these persons' act.
 - a. Adam: death reigned
 - b. Christ: reign of life
 2. Grace overpowers the consequence of sin.
- D. 5.18-19 - The Essence of One Man's Act.
1. The essence of essential nature of Adam's act: _____
 2. The essence or essential nature of Christ's act: _____
See John 6.38
- E. 5.20-21 - The Energizing Force of One Man's act.
1. What energizes sin? _____

 2. The law's only purpose: to identify sin. It tells us how much we need Christ.
 3. 5.20b - As sin increased, grace _____
_____ all the more.

CONCLUSION:

1. We're all sinners who deserve death.
2. Thank God for His desire to **preserve** us from eternal death. Do you know Him?