

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"God's Super-Abounding Grace"
Romans 5:12-21
Study-14

Our passage is a contrast and comparison between justification and condemnation. A comparison between 1st Adam and 2nd Adam, Jesus Christ, 1 Corinthians 11:8-9; 15:22, 45-49.

"One" – 11X; The key idea here is our identification with Adam and with Christ.

"Reign" – 5X; Paul saw two men – Adam and Christ – each of them reigning over a kingdom.

"much more" – 5X; This means that in Jesus Christ, we have gained much more than we ever lost in Adam!

2 Peter 3:16

Romans 3:21-11:36 – By Faith

Romans 5-8 – The Benefits Of Justification: Salvation

Thought Of Our Passage: "Adam Took That Which Was Forbidden, But Jesus Christ Gives That Which Is Not Deserved."

1. Verses 12-14 – The Ruin Of Mankind

2. Verses 15-19 – The Rescue Of Mankind

3. Verses 20-21 – The Reign Of Mankind

1. Verses 12-14 – The Ruin Of Mankind:

Romans 5:12 – "Therefore," – What is the "Therefore," there for? Context: Paul has just stated through reconciliation we have peace with God, a joyful hope that tribulations are making us like Him, and God saved us from wrath to bring us into glory to complete salvation, Romans 5:11.

Sin Entered The World Through One Man: "just as through one man sin entered into the world," – starts with Adam, but he ends with Jesus Christ!

"one man" – Who is this man? It is Adam – Hebrew "mankind."

Jesus Believed In A Historical Adam – Matthew 19:4-7; John 5:46-47.

Apostle Paul Believed In A Historical Adam – 1 Corinthians 11:8, 9;
1 Timothy 2:13-14; 1 Corinthians 15:45.

God's Single Command To Adam – Genesis 2:17

Adam and Eve Disobeyed, God Resulting In Sin: Genesis 3:6-7

"just as through one man sin entered into the world," – "Adam was our Federal Head." Adam stood in our place, so it was you and me who sinned.

Death Entered The World Through Sin: "and death through sin," – "death" – "to separate, separation." "through sin" – The results of sin is death, Spiritual and Physical, Eternal.

Death Spread To All Men Because All Sinned: "and so death spread to all men," – Death is the evidence and result to sin in fallen humanity. God Said – Genesis 2:17; Satan Said – Genesis 3:4.

Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

"because all sinned" – this word "sinned" – is in the aorist tense, which means "a complete action in the past." The idea is that all of us sinned in the same simple completed act, no exceptions, Romans 3:9-11.

"We're not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners,"
Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 4:18.

Romans 5:13 – "for until the Law sin was in the world," – Sin has existed since Adam.

Romans 5:14

History Proves That Death Reigns Over All Men: "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses,"

Proof of Sin – Was Death: Genesis 5:5-31; 7X – "and he died."

"type" – Greek "tupos" – "pattern, foreshadowing – picture – prefigure;"
Not because they were similar but because they were dissimilar. Analogy –
"a comparison of two otherwise unlike things, based on resemblance of a particular aspect."

2. Verses 15-19 – The Rescue Of Mankind:

Romans 5:15 – "But the free gift" – gift of righteousness – eternal salvation.

Contrast In Christ's Effectiveness: "is not like the transgression" – "falling alongside, crossing a known boundary;" Deviation from the correct path, Adam.

"For if by the transgression of the one the many died," – "Transgression" – this is because sin entered the world; All affected by the condition of sin.

"much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace" – Gift through the death of Jesus brought life.

"of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many." – Isaiah 53:11

Romans 5:16

Romans 5:16 – J.B. Phillips New Testament: "Nor is the effect of God's gift the same as the effect of that one man's sin. For in the one case one man's sin brought its inevitable judgment, and the result was condemnation. But, in the other, countless men's sins are met with the free gift of grace, and the result is justification before God."

Contrast In Extent: "The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned;" – How superior the work of Jesus Christ is.

"transgression resulting in condemnation," – the wrath, judgment of God. This came from Adam.

"free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification." – Hebrews 10:14.

Romans 5:17 – Contrast In Efficacy.

"Adam" – The System Of Sin And Death: "For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one,"

"Christ" – The System Of Grace And Righteousness: "much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness"

"will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ." – John 14:19

Verses 18-19 – Contrast In Essence: Romans 5:18

Adam Polluted us, Jesus Purified us.

Romans 5:19 – man's disobedience the many were made sinners," – 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

“the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.” – Hebrews 5:9

3. Verses 20-21 – The Reign Of Mankind:

Romans 5:20

Why Did God Give The Commandments? “The Law came in” – “slipped in, intruded into the process;” “so that the transgression would increase;” – The law came to expose what was already present, Romans 7:12-14.

“but where sin increased,” – The Law does not remedy the sin problem, it aggravates and increases it, exposes it, Romans 7:5-11.

“grace abounded all the more,” – Greek – “super-increased, super-abounded;” a grace that knows no bounds, it is ever flowing.

Romans 5:21 – “so that, as sin reigned in death,” – This is the package deal that sin brought death.

“even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” – The Reign Of Mankind, Matthew 5:3.

Application: How Can We Reign?

1. We Should Review The Greatness Of Our Ruin. We Are All Sinners And All Of Mankind Has Been Affected By Sin.
2. We Should Review The Greatness Of Our Rescue. No Greater Deliverance Than Through The Cross-Of Jesus Christ.
3. Our Ruin And The Greatness Of The Rescue Leads Us To God’s Great Love And Grace, Through Which We Can Reign In This Life Through Faith In Him.
4. Have We Confessed That We Are A Sinner Separated From God, In A Helpless Condition? Have We Placed Our Faith In Jesus Alone? We Are Saved By Grace Alone Through Faith Alone In Christ Alone.