

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Adam and Christ (pt. 3)

(Romans 5:15-17)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, under which condition all sinned—

¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

(Romans 5:12-14)

Adam a type of Christ?

- Adam in his universal effectiveness for ruin is the type which prefigures Christ in His universal effectiveness for salvation

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

¹⁶ And the gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification.

¹⁷ For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

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Adam and Christ: A Contrast

1. Effectiveness

- God's gracious gift through Christ is much more effective than Adam's sin
- if a human action can affect so many, how much more God's action and grace

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➤ *Implication*

- our final salvation is “much more” certain since it rests solely on the gift of God’s grace in Christ

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2. Results

- Adam’s sin resulted in condemnation; the free gift resulted in justification
- the judgment followed one sin; the free gift followed many sins
- death reigned through the one, Adam; believers will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ

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➤ *Implication*

- God’s gift in Christ has the power not only to cancel the effects of Adam’s sin but (“much more”) to give righteousness and life