

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, upon which 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.

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 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.

¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Romans 5:12-21)

Adam and Christ (pt. 4)

(Romans 5:18-21)

Adam and Christ Compared

1. One Action – Universal Effect

- Adam's one sin led to the condemnation of all mankind
- Christ's one act of righteousness will lead to justification resulting in life for all in Him

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2. One Action – Universal Effect (explanation)

- through Adam's disobedience many (all) were made ("instated as") sinners
- through Christ's obedience many will be made/instated as righteous

Adam and Christ Compared

➤ *One important difference:*

- we *deserve* condemnation (all sinned) but we are *freely given* righteousness and life (grace)

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3. The Effect of the Law

- the Law did not change the situation created by Adam but made it worse!
- the Law turns sin into transgression – rebellion against the revealed, detailed will of God
- the Law, by causing sin to abound, serves to magnify the super-abounding grace of God in Christ

Adam and Christ Compared

"so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

(Romans 5:21)