

PAX ROMANA

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The Role of Adam vs. Christ in Who I Am!

Romans 5.12-21

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5.12-21 (NIV)

Celebrating the Superiority of Jesus:

Through Adam . . .

Through Jesus

"One small step for [a] man; one giant leap for mankind".

Neil Armstrong

1) The Purpose of GRACE

But God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. Many people died because of the sin of that one man. But the grace from God was much greater; many people received God's gift of life by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5.15 (NCV)

Problem: The Universality of SIN

2) The Perfection of OBEDIENCE

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Romans 5.19 (ESV)

Problem: The Universality of HUMAN NATURE

3) The Plan of LIFE

So then, just as sin ruled by means of death, so also God's grace rules by means of righteousness, leading us to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5.21 (GNT)

Problem: The Universality of DEATH

"We tend to go on thinking that we have to save ourselves by living a good life and that we can make ourselves 'Christians'."

Martyn Lloyd Jones