


Book Study #8 ROMANS Rom. 5:12-21 Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

Before We Begin...

1. How far back can you trace your family tree? Any famous (or infamous) “branches?”

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2. This passage consist mainly of a series of comparisons between Adam’s sin and Christ’s obedience. In the space below, identify these comparisons.

Adam’s sin	Christ’s obedience
v. 15	
v. 16	
v. 17	
v. 18	
v. 19	

3. What is the “one trespass” referred to in verse 18? (See Genesis 3:1=19)

4. What is the “one act of righteousness” referred to in verse 18? (See Rom. 4:25 and Phil. 2:8)

5. Paul uses the term “one man” nine times in this passage—six time to describe Adam and three times to describe Christ. Locate all the occurences of this term in the text and circle them. What do you think Paul is emphasizing through the repeated use of this term?

6. Who are the “many” who are made sinners by Adam’s disobedience? (v. 19; see v. 12)

7. Who are the “many” who are made righteous by Christ’s obedience? (v. 19; see v. 17)

8. If death is the result of sin, and if sin is not taken into account when there is no law, then why did people die before the law was given to Moses? (vv. 12-14)

9. What does Paul mean by the phrase “all sinned,” when he states that “death came to all men, because all sinned” (v. 12; see vv. 15 and 19)

10. What phrases does Paul use to indicate that Christ’s act of obedience is more than adequate to overcome the effects of Adam’s sin?

v. 15

v. 17

v. 20

As we end this part of the Journey...

11. How do you feel about Adam’s sin being “credited” to you? How about Christ’s righteousness being “credited” to you? Can you think of any everyday examples in which one person is held legally responsible for the actions of another, or suffers the consequences of actions taken by someone representing them?

