

Part of A Dead Tree

Romans 5:12-21 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

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

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

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

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

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

Moreover, the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

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

I. Adam's Sin

Romans 5:14 *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression who is a figure of him that was to come.*

A. No one ever sinned like Adam and Eve

similitude: in the same manner

B. Adam was a type of Jesus

“...who is a figure of him that was to come.”

figure: a type

II. Adam Contrasted with Jesus Christ

Romans 5:12, 18 & 19 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

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

A. Adam

1. caused condemnation to enter
2. brought death
3. brought a curse upon all mankind
4. ushered sin into the earth

B. Jesus

1. removed condemnation
2. brought life
3. removed the curse
4. ushered in righteousness

I Corinthians 15:21 & 22 *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

III. Federal Heads Representing All (Identification)

A. Adam's sin passed on to all

1. Man was identified with Adam's sin
2. Man was in Adam when he sinned

B. Jesus' righteousness passed on to all

IV. No Choice Being in Adam

Romans 5:15 *But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be made dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many.*

- A. Man is in Adam by birth
- B. Death passed on to all men through Adam
- C. Nature of the flesh found in all men through Adam
- D. Adam's disobedience was man's disobedience
- E. Adam's fall was man's fall

V. All One Tree

A. Dead Tree: As a result of Adam

1. Roots poisoned as a result of Adam's sin
2. Dead roots result in a dead tree (all men born into sin)

B. Living Tree: As a result of Jesus

VI. The New Birth

A. Not by works

B. A supernatural change

VII. Romans 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

A. "all": means everyone past, present, and future

B. "come short": this is in present tense

C. Some translations say: *All sinned and are coming short of the glory of God.*

Man is not a sinner because he sins; he sins because he is a sinner

VIII. Born Free of the Nature of the Flesh

A. Adam and Eve

1. Created in freedom
2. Purposely, knowingly became slaves
3. All of their children were born as slaves
4. Slaves cannot free slaves

B. Jesus

1. Born in freedom
2. born outside the “slave market”
3. The Last Adam
 - a. Man’s last chance for freedom
 - b. Never yielded to satan
 - c. never sinned
4. Only a free man can free slaves
5. Paid the price for man’s freedom
 - a. Man must choose
 - b. Man can walk out of slavery

IX. *Whom the Son has set free is free indeed.* (John 8:36)

Alternate translation: *Whom the son has set free is really free.*

- A. World thinks they are free
- B. World are slaves trying to buy a way out of slavery and into freedom without wages
- C. World cannot earn or merit their way to freedom

X. II Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a brand new creation: old things have passed away; all things are become new.*

man: person; man, woman, boy, child, young, old, rich, poor

XI. He is a Brand New Creation

- A. No longer of natural earth; now a heavenly race
- B. No longer associated back to Adam; associated back to Jesus
- C. Genealogy changed
- D. Changed locations

XII. II Corinthians 5:18 *And all things are from God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation.*

- A. Invitation open to others through us for salvation
- B. We are to preach the new birth not sin