

“Grace & Peace to You”
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ROMANS LESSON 34 PART 1: TWO MEN - TWO COVENANT HEADS

ROMANS 5:12

¹² Therefore, just as *sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all men... because all sinned...*

¹⁷ For if, *because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one-man JESUS CHRIST.*

ADAM is both the **Physical Head** of all humans *and* the **Federal or Covenantal Head** who *represents all humans*. When **ADAM** sinned, all humans sinned because all humans are in **ADAM**. Consequently, *Adam's sin is imputed to all humans, and all humans are enslaved to sin's dominating power.*

THIS is where **“Reconciliation”** enters. The basis for **God's** reconciliation of **“fallen humanity,”** is the introduction of **“The 2nd Man – JESUS CHRIST.”**

[**ADAM** **CHRIST**]

¹⁵ *But the free gift [Reconciliation through Jesus Christ] is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one-man Jesus Christ abounded for many.*

¹⁸ *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.* ¹⁹ *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.*

2 COR 5:17 & 5:21 *Therefore, if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come...*

²¹ *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that IN HIM we might become the righteousness of God.*

SIN entered through ONE man... ALL were “*under sin*”... ALL were “*DEAD*” ...

BUT God made “*The CHRIST / MESSIAH / SUBSTITUTE / REDEEMER*” to BE the BEARER of ALL Sin...

He was put to death IN OUR place... Then raised to Life to show that ALL the penalty (death) had been accepted by God...

God's acceptance brought RECONCILIATION to ALL who accept the REDEEMER...

and ALL who believe in Him are JUSTIFIED...

This brings LIFE ETERNAL and DELIVERANCE from God's Wrath...

ADAM A TYPE OF CHRIST

“*Typology* analyzes how NEW TESTAMENT persons, events, and institutions fulfill OT persons, events, and institutions by repeating the OT situations in a deeper level in salvation history.” *Typology* includes at least Four Elements:

- The **Type** and **Antitype** are analogous. A **Type** (ADAM), and its **Antitype** (CHRIST), are compared or contrasted to each other in some significant way.
In ROM 5:12–21, ADAM and CHRIST CONTRAST as Covenantal Heads.
- The **Type** and **Antitype** occur in real history. Neither a **Type** nor its **Antitype** is allegorical.
When Paul argues that ADAM is the Covenantal Head of the Original Creation and that CHRIST is the Covenantal Head of the New Creation, he necessarily implies that **ADAM really existed as the first human being**.
- GOD sovereignly designed the Type to foreshadow The Antitype—that is, to predictively prefigure CHRIST. ADAM is “picture prophecy.”
- The **Antitype** escalates the **Type** from shadow to reality by climaxing in JESUS.
The **Type** is but a shadow; the **Antitype** is the substance (COL. 2:17).

ROMANS LESSON 34 PART 2: TWO MEN - TWO COVENANT HEADS

5:13–14 ALL humans die because they are in ADAM and thus have ADAM’S sin imputed to them—not solely because they personally and individually sin?

- **Consider** the people who lived between ADAM and Moses. They did not disobey what GOD explicitly commanded in the same way ADAM and the Israelites did. When ADAM and the Israelites transgressed GOD’S law, the legal penalty was death (GEN. 2:17; EX. 19:12).
- But those between ADAM and Moses died **because** they were in ADAM, **not because** they transgressed GOD’S law since “*sin is not counted* [i.e., “registered” to a person’s account] *where there is no law*” (ROM. 5:13B; 4:15).
- Paul affirms that humans sinned before GOD gave the Mosaic law (5:13A; 2:12), and he knows that after ADAM and before Moses GOD judged sinners for their own sins.
- But the fundamental reason sinners between ADAM and Moses died is that **they were in ADAM** since they did not flagrantly transgress GOD’S spoken or written law the way ADAM and the Israelites did.
 - **ALL** people of Gentile Nations “to whom the Law was NOT given” die... *Because of ADAM’S SIN*.
 - **Children** TOO YOUNG to KNOW the Law die... *Because of ADAM’S SIN*.

5:15–19 ADAM’S Original sin resulted in GOD condemning sinners to eternal death, but CHRIST’S sacrificial death resulted in GOD justifying believing sinners and giving them eternal life. ADAM’S first trespass

brought catastrophic results for humanity: death (5:15, 17), condemnation (5:16, 18), and having the status of sinners (5:19).

Original Guilt vs Original Sin:

The theological terms *original guilt* and *original sin* refer not just to ADAM in GENESIS 3 but to the effect of his sin on the human race.

- Because all humans are originally in ADAM, we are guilty before GOD (original guilt),
- Therefore... we inherit a sinful nature (original sin).
 - Paul says here that all people without exception are condemned before God because of the one transgression of ADAM.
 - IF they are condemned before God because of ADAM's sin, THEN they are guilty for Adam's sin. They can hardly be condemned for Adam's sin if they are not guilty for the sin he committed."
 - We are sinners by nature and by choice. We sin because we are sinners.
- The GRACIOUS GIFT (ROM. 5:15–17) is CHRIST'S Righteousness, which is the basis of Justification.
 - ADAM represents all humans... Jesus represents humans who "receive" (5:17) the GRACIOUS GIFT.
 - The word "receive" is important for interpreting the final "for all men [Anthropos – humanity]" in 5:18; Paul is not saying that all humans without exception will be justified.
 - The "all" who receive "justification and life" are all humans who receive that gift BY FAITH.
- When Paul starts to compare ADAM and CHRIST in 5:12, he pauses to clarify that all sinned in ADAM.

IN 5:18 PAUL RETURNS TO THE COMPARISON:

AS ADAM'S transgression resulted in condemnation for all those in ADAM...

SO, ONE-MAN'S righteousness resulted in justification for all those IN CHRIST.

"AS by the ONE MAN'S disobedience the many were made [i.e., have the status of] sinners,

SO, by the ONE-MAN'S obedience the many will be made [i.e., have the status of] righteous" (5:19) IF THEY BELIEVE!

- Humankind CAN HAVE the status of righteous BECAUSE they are united IN CHRIST - their Identity — Believers are IN CHRIST JESUS who is the Federal / Covenantal Head.

5:20–21 One purpose of THE LAW is to increase the "recognition of our sins" ... which thereby intensifies rebellion (see ROM. 5:13–14; 7:13; GAL. 3:19).

- But GOD'S grace displayed in CHRIST "super-increases" (abounds)
 - The MORE we recognize our sins... the MORE we recognize WHAT He has done in order to bring us to Righteousness...
 - IN that way... GRACE REIGNS "through righteousness" (ROM. 5:21),
- Resulting in Eternal Life by [the means of FAITH IN] JESUS CHRIST. That righteousness is the GRACIOUS GIFT (5:15–17) of a righteous status that GOD gives believing sinners WHEN He JUSTIFIES them.

The “Two Men” – ADAM / CHRIST

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADAM</u> <i>Trespass, Disobedience, Sin, Sinners, Judgment, Condemnation, Death</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHRIST</u> <i>Gracious Gift, Obedience, Grace, Righteous, Justification, Eternal Life</i></p>
<p>12) Therefore, just as <u>SIN</u> came into the world through <u>ONE MAN</u>, and <u>death</u> through <u>SIN</u>, and so <u>death</u> spread to all men because all <u>sinned</u>...</p> <p>13) for <u>sin</u> indeed was in the world before THE LAW was given, but <u>sin</u> is not counted where there is no LAW.</p> <p>14a) Yet <u>death</u> reigned from <u>ADAM</u> to Moses, even over those whose <u>sinning</u> was not like the <u>transgression</u> of <u>ADAM</u>, who was a type of...</p> <p>15b) For if many <u>died</u> through <u>ONE MAN'S</u> <u>trespass</u>...</p> <p>16b) For the <u>judgment</u> following one <u>trespass</u> brought <u>condemnation</u>,</p> <p>17a) For if, because of <u>ONE MAN'S</u> <u>trespass</u>, <u>death</u> reigned through that <u>ONE MAN</u>,</p> <p>18a) Therefore, as one <u>trespass</u> led to <u>condemnation</u> for all men,</p> <p>19a) For as by the <u>ONE MAN'S</u> <u>disobedience</u> the many were made <u>sinner</u>s,</p> <p>20a) Now THE LAW came in to increase the <u>trespass</u>, but where <u>sin</u> increased,</p> <p>21a) so that, as <u>sin</u> reigned in <u>death</u>,</p>	<p>14b) the <u>ONE</u> who was to come.</p> <p>15a) But <u>the Free Gift</u> is not like the <u>trespass</u>.</p> <p>15c) much more have <u>the Grace of God</u> and <u>the Free Gift by the Grace</u> of that <u>ONE-MAN JESUS CHRIST</u> abounded for many.</p> <p>16a) And <u>the Free Gift</u> is not like the result of that <u>ONE MAN'S</u> <u>sin</u>.</p> <p>16c) but <u>the Free Gift</u> following many <u>trespasses</u> brought <u>justification</u>.</p> <p>17b) much more will those who <u>receive the abundance of grace</u> and <u>the Free Gift of righteousness</u> reign in life through the <u>ONE-MAN JESUS CHRIST</u>.</p> <p>18b) so <u>one act of righteousness</u> leads to <u>justification</u> and <u>life</u> for all men.</p> <p>19b) so by the <u>ONE MAN'S</u> <u>obedience</u> the many will be made <u>righteous</u>.</p> <p>20b) <u>Grace</u> abounded all the more,</p> <p>21b) <u>grace</u> also <u>might reign</u> through <u>righteousness</u> leading to <u>eternal life</u> through <u>JESUS CHRIST</u> our <u>LORD</u>.</p>

