

Pass It On

Romans 5:12-21

Adam as a Pattern of the One who is to Come (verse 14)

God relates with mankind through a head or representative.

“Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.” Joshua 7:11

Compare/Contrast Adam and Jesus

Contrast (verses 15-17):

Adam's transgression brought sin and death. Christ's crucifixion brings salvation and life. Adam's was an act of self-assertion. Christ's was an act of self-sacrifice.

Adam's act a fall. Christ's act a grace.

In Adam God's judgment brought condemnation. In Christ God's gift brought justification.

Compare (verses 18-21):

Adam's one sin led to condemnation. Christ's one righteous act brought justification.

Adam's disobedience cause many to become sinners. Christ's obedience caused many to become righteous.

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

Doctrine of original sin: Human nature has been morally and ethically corrupted due to the disobedience of mankind's first parents to the revealed will of God.

Pelagianism: The belief that salvation can be attained and that human perfection is reachable through pure human effort.

Paul's overarching premise: many can be affected, for good or bad, by one person's actions.

Adam → Adam's sin → humanity condemned in him → eternal death

Christ → Christ's righteousness → new humanity justified in him → eternal life

Reflective Questions

- How has someone else's sin affected you? How has your sin affected others?
- What does it look like to rely on Christ instead of our Adam-like flesh?



Linger Longer—Next Sunday, November 19

After the joy of seeing our friends baptized & hearing their testimonies, we get to share a meal of soup & sandwiches together as we celebrate Thanksgiving as a family.

Thanksgiving Eve Gathering — Wednesday, November 22 @ 7pm
This family gathering is designed for us to be thankful together as a church family. The music, testimonies and message will all highlight Thanksgiving.