

Romans Five The Power of One

Romans 5:12-21= Adam & Christ, seen as "federal" heads of two Races of men. Federal= in the sense that each made decisions that represent & affect millions of others.

Therefore= Paul's summary of justification by Grace. V.12 He tells us of the power of "one" man to change history.

V. 19= *"For as thru the one man's disobedience, the many were made sinners, even so thru the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."*

Note: One= this word is used 14 times in vrs. 12-21 of Chapter Five.

One man- one man- one man= vrs. 12, 15, 19

The one- the one- the one= vrs. 15, 17, 19

One=trespass, sin, disobedience, righteous act

Question: What did we inherit [if anything] from our ancestral parents, Adam & Eve?

A sinful Nature? If so, what is the nature of this nature? Is it physically passed to us like DNA?

Adam's one act of disobedience:

1. Sin entered the world v.12a
2. Death passed to all men v.12b
3. Adam sinned, & many died v.15
4. Judgment came upon the many because of the trespass of the one v.16
5. Adam's sin, caused death to reign over the human race. V.17
6. Adam's one sin, caused condemnation upon all his descendents. V.18
7. Adam's sin made [set down as, or made to become] sinners. V.19

Christ's one act obedience:

1. Christ is also an ADAM v.14 {Christ is a type of Adam}
A real man, born of woman.
2. Thru this ONE man, Christ, grace as God's free gift, abounds to the many. V.15
3. Thru Christ's one righteous act [death on the cross] many are justified & freed from condemnation. V.18
4. Thru the one man's {Christ's} obedience [unto death] the many who by faith receive the gift, shall be declared righteous. V.19
5. That those who receive the abundance of grace & the gift of righteousness shall reign as kings in life thru the One, Jesus Christ. The one- Jesus, is much more than the one=Adam!
V.17

Personal Application:

1. At the moment of your salvation you were taken out of Adam & put "in Christ"



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2. You are declared righteous by God Himself v.19 3. Christ's indwelling life in you makes victory over sin possible moment by moment you have the power of the ONE in you!