

In Adam –In Christ

Romans 5:12-21

The Apostle Paul has taken 5 chapters to effectively show us how God in His mercy has forgiven sinners & removed forever the guilt of sins committed. Jesus' death has atoned for sins forever.

Now Paul goes to a new theme. In Rom. 5:10 he says we shall be saved by His [Jesus indwelling] life. This is the 1st ref. to the resurrection life of Jesus in this epistle.

Note: The death of Messiah can forgive what we have done [sins], but only the resurrection life of Messiah living in us can save us from what we are [sinners]

Two Races of Men:

ADAM and his offspring 5:12

1. Sin entered the world v12
2. Sin is... Our basic inner defiance of God's authority over us. Sin is a self-centered heart, inherited from Adam
3. Death is the result of sin... Not just as a result of sins –plural
Death is the result of a corrupted heart, God's creation of man [in his own image] was forever changed.
4. Adam & Eve died- and all their offspring after them died. Romans 5: 19 "made sinners" =not became by our own deeds.
5. V.16= judgment & condemnation to all men.

5:13= How dark is the darkness in us? Before the law [Moses] men compared themselves to other men to "save face" and assuage conscience.

V. 14= from Adam to Moses men died as a result of who they are as well what they do!

Adam is a type of Christ= the 1st of a new race on men & women

Christ & the free gift of Grace he brings v15

- In Adam all men are sinners just by being born into the human family
- One man affected all men.

Christ as a 2nd Adam= progenitor of a new race

Even so with Christ as the 2nd Adam=one man blesses many, even as one man Adam cursed many

V15=note the "much more" of God's grace

1. Justified V16= Grace turned transgressions into justification=sins forgiven
2. Gift of righteousness v17=Christ's righteous life in us
3. We reign in life, not death v17
4. One act [Christ] and a very different result v18

Since the cross & resurrection=the hope of life to all men.

Adam's disobedience & Christ's obedience= many made [declared] righteous.

The Law for the believer= tells you that you cannot do it, and tells you Christ is the standard!

V.21= we can reign [rule as victors] through His life in us as Lord