

# Choose Your Champion

## Romans 5:12-21

### Introduction

#### I The Origin of Death

- A. Sin entered the world through one man – Gen 3; Ps 58:3
- B. Death entered the world through sin – Gen 3:3; Heb 2:14-15
- C. Death came to all men (physical and spiritual) – Heb 9:27
  - 1. Because all sinned - Rom 3:23; 3:9

#### II The Impact of the Law

- A. Sin was in the world before the Law
- B. Sin is not taken into account before the Law - Rom 4:15
  - 1. Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses
    - a. Even over those who did not break a command
    - b. Adam is a pattern of the one to come - 1 Cor 15:45-47

#### III The Contrast Between the Gift and the Trespass

- A. There is a contrast in degree
  - 1. Many died by the trespass of Adam
  - 2. Many live by the gift of Jesus Christ - 1 Cor 15:22
- B. There is a contrast in result
  - 1. The judgment followed one sin
    - a. And brought condemnation
  - 2. The gift followed many trespasses
    - a. And brought justification - 2 Cor 5:19
- C. There is a contrast in supremacy
  - 1. Death reigned through Adam's trespass
  - 2. Life reigns through Jesus Christ - Rom 8:17; Rev 22:5
    - a. To those who receive God's:
      - 1. Abundant provision of grace – Eph 2:8-9
      - 2. Gift of righteousness - Rom 1:16-17
- D. There is a contrast in judicial standing
  - 1. Adam's one sin brought condemnation for all men
  - 2. Jesus' one act of righteousness brought justification
- E. There is a contrast in ultimate fruit
  - 1. Adam's disobedience made many sinners

2. Jesus' obedience will make many righteous - 2 Cor 5:21

#### IV The Purpose of the Law

- A. The purpose of the Law
  - 1. To highlight our true condition - Gal 3:19-24
- B. The effect of the Law
  - 1. To magnify the grace of God
    - a. Where sin increased, grace increased all the more
- C. The objective of the Law
  - 1. To guide us to God's gracious gift: - Gal 3:24-25
    - a. A righteousness based on grace – Eph 2:8-9
    - b. Eternal life through Jesus Christ – Jn 3:16

### PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Share a time when you were emotionally connected to the victory of some sports or political figure. How did you view their victory/defeat?
2. What were the consequences of Adam's sin [Rom 5:12-14]? Are there similar consequences when you sin? Why/why not?
3. What factor did your personal performance play in Adam's sin? What factor did your personal performance play in Christ's gift? What implications does this have for your life?
4. Meditate on Rom 5:17. How can a person transition from solidarity with Adam to solidarity with Christ? [Rom 5:17]
5. From Rom 5:15-19, list in two columns the contrasts between the acts of Adam and Jesus. What results from each one?
6. Summarize the purpose of the Law. [Rom 3:19-22; 7:7-9; 10:4; Gal 3:19-25] If you have received the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, how should you now view the Law?
7. Take time to thank God for His great gift in the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. And pray for opportunities to communicate the truths you have discovered this week with others.

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