

Choose Your Champion

Romans 5:12-21

Introduction

I The Origin of Death

- A. _____ entered the world through one man – Gen 3; Ps 58:3
- B. _____ 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 _____ - 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 _____ from Adam to Moses
 - a. Even over those who did not break a command
 - b. Adam is a _____ 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 _____
 - 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 _____
 - 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 _____
 - 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 _____ – Eph 2:8-9
 - 2. _____ of righteousness - Rom 1:16-17
- D. There is a contrast in _____ 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 _____
 - 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 _____ of the Law
 - 1. To highlight our true condition - Gal 3:19-24
- B. The _____ of the Law
 - 1. To magnify the grace of God
 - a. Where sin increased, grace increased all the more
- C. The _____ of the Law
 - 1. To guide us to God's gracious gift: - Gal 3:24-25
 - a. A _____ based on grace – Eph 2:8-9
 - b. Eternal _____ 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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