

Death From Adam, Life From Christ

(Romans 5:12-21)

Scripture Reading: *Romans 5:1-11*

A. Each human being has before them a choice:

1. "In Adam," there is only condemnation and death.
2. "In Christ," there is acquittal, reconciliation, and life.

B. Adam is our father, not only in the sense that he is our physical ancestor, he is our "father" in the sense that he opened the door of sin, and we have all willingly walked through it.

ADAM	CHRIST
Sin came into the world through (5:12)	The grace of God abounds through (5:15)
A type of the one who was to come (5:14)	The one who was to come (5:14)
Committed the first trespass (5:15)	Brought the free gift by grace (5:15)
Many died through his trespass (5:15)	Many have grace through his sacrifice (5:15)
Death reigned because of his trespass (5:17)	Life reigns by his sacrifice (5:17)
By his disobedience, the many were made sinners (5:19)	By his obedience, the many will be made righteous (5:19)

D. The text of *Romans 5:12-21*

E. Something (or someone) has reigned, is reigning, and will reign in your life!

F. The central issue: law and law alone will acquit no one. We are all law-breakers and deserve the just penalty that is due. In that case, without the atonement of Christ, sin reigns in death.

G. The gospel offers the way for grace to reign through righteousness, leading to eternal life.