

The One Who Fixed What We Broke

Romans 5:12–21

Big Idea: Humanity stands condemned in Adam but is made righteous in Christ.

Movement 1 – Adam’s Action: Death’s _____ (Romans 5:12–14)

- Sin entered through one man.
- Death followed sin.
- Death spread to all.
- Adam acted as our representative head.

Key Truth: A universal reign of death reveals a universal fall in Adam.

Movement 2 – Christ’s Counteraction: Grace’s _____ (Romans 5:15–17)

- Christ’s work is a gift.
- Grace overflows beyond the damage of sin.
- Those who receive grace reign in life.

Key Truth: Christ does not merely reverse Adam’s fall — He surpasses it.

Movement 3 – Obedience Overcomes: Righteous _____ (Romans 5:18–19)

- Adam’s disobedience brought condemnation.
- Christ’s obedience brings justification.
- We are declared righteous through union with Christ.

Key Truth: Our standing before God rests on Christ’s obedience, not ours.

Movement 4 – Grace’s Growth: Life’s _____ (Romans 5:20–21)

- The Law exposes and multiplies trespass.
- Where sin increases, grace increases more.
- Grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life.

Key Truth: Sin does not get the final word — grace reigns.

Discussion Questions

1. Paul says sin entered the world through one man (Romans 5:12). How does understanding Adam as a representative head shape the way we understand sin and death today?
2. Why does Paul emphasize that death reigned even before the Law was given (Romans 5:13–14)? What does this reveal about humanity's condition?
3. In what ways does Christ's gift overflow beyond the damage caused by Adam (Romans 5:15–17)? What does 'much more' communicate about grace?
4. Verse 17 says believers reign in life. What does it practically mean to live under the reign of grace instead of under the reign of sin?
5. How does understanding justification as rooted in Christ's obedience (Romans 5:19) strengthen assurance of salvation?
6. Romans 5:20 says the Law increased the trespass. How does the Law expose sin in our own lives today?
7. Where have you personally experienced that where sin increased, grace increased all the more (Romans 5:20)?
8. According to this passage, every person is either in Adam or in Christ. What does it look like to move from one to the other?