Women's Bible Study — Homework & Lesson Notes

Lesson 8 | *Romans 5:12-21*

Death through Adam, Life through Christ

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PREPARE YOUR HEART

Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom, insight, and understanding as you study this passage. Begin by reading the full text below before working through the questions.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

> ***Romans 5:12-14***
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> *12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned —*
> *13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.*

1. Verses 12-14 tell us about Adam's sin that led to death for all people. a) After God created Adam and Eve in the Garden, what did God command them in Genesis 2:15-17? b) How did Adam respond in Genesis 3:1-7, and what was the consequence of Adam's action in Genesis 2:17 and 3:19?

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2. In what ways have you personally been impacted by the pervasive effects of sin and death in the world and in yourself recently?

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3. Verse 12 reveals that through Adam's one sin, sin and death came to *all people.* How does this relate to Romans 3:9?

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4. a) Can you think of any examples from the Bible or even from life today when one man represented many and therefore his actions affected the many? b) What is your initial reaction to being so closely linked to Adam and bearing the consequence of his action?

MY RESPONSE

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5. We're told that sin and death were in the world from the time of Adam to when God gave the Law to Moses. However, "sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law" (v13). How would you explain this based on Romans 1:20 and 2:12-16?

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> ***Romans 5:15-19***
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> *15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! 18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.*

6. In verses 15-19, good news bursts on the scene with Jesus Christ, who has been referred to as the second or last Adam in the Bible (1 Corinthians 15:44-49) as well as throughout history. How do verses 15-19 compare and contrast Adam and Jesus Christ? Think in terms of each one's primary historical act and the chain of events it brings about for mankind.

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7. What words or phrases in verses 15-19 stand out to you that indicate Jesus is superior to Adam, suggesting that Jesus' work does not merely cancel out Adam's work?

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8. How can you incorporate a regular practice of thanking God for His abundant gift of grace and righteousness that overflows to you through Jesus?

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> ***Romans 5:20-21***
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> *20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

9. Throughout today's passage and especially in verses 20-21, we see the word "reign" as referring to different kingdoms. Describe these kingdoms and what it looks like to be "in Adam" or "in Christ."

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10. Grace now reigns through Jesus Christ! Romans 6:14 says, "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace." Which thoughts of shame and condemnation that you're currently carrying will you turn over to God this week in exchange for His grace and righteousness?

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11. We're told that those who are in Christ have eternal life. What does eternal life mean to you? Do you think of it as something that will happen when you die, or something you can enjoy and partake in now?

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12. Verse 17 points out that those who are in Christ "reign in life." What do Revelation 5:9-10 and 22:5 reveal about reigning in the future? If you haven't already, take a moment to marvel at the benefits of being in Christ now and forever. Our present and future are bright beyond imagination!

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