

From Death in Adam to Life in Christ

Text: Romans 5:12-21

Context - In Romans 1-4, Paul establishes humanity's universal sinfulness, the righteousness of God revealed through faith in Jesus Christ, and justification by faith, not works. Romans 5 is a survey of the blessings of salvation in Christ.

Salvation in Jesus Christ will bless you to...

I. _____ the curse of death (vs. 12-14)

- A. Through Adam's transgression in Genesis, all humans have inherited a sin nature from the moment of conception (Psalm 51:5). This sin nature results in eventual death for all humans.
- B. **"Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come."** Where Adam is our representative of sin and death, and all who are born as a descendant of Adam inherit sin and death, Jesus came as a new representative who conquered sin and death.

II. _____ the free gift of grace (vs. 15-16)

- A. Where the one trespass of Adam has brought condemnation to all, the work of Christ has provided a free gift of grace and salvation to all who receive it.
- B. This free gift brings "justification" to the one who receives it. Justification is the full forgiveness of sin plus the righteousness of Christ is added into your account.

III. _____ in Life (vs. 17-21)

- A. All who receive the free gift of righteousness get to **"reign in life"** through Jesus Christ.
- B. "If the feeble act of Adam brought the reign of death, then the mighty and abundant action of God's gift of righteousness means that Christians will themselves reign through Christ. Death's rule will be toppled, and believers brought to Christ's side and united with him will share in his rule." (Al Mohler)