

TWO MEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD
Romans 5:6-19 (NIV)

- ❖ The two men: ADAM and JESUS. (Romans 5:12-14)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—¹³for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is not law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, 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 was a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:12-14 (NIV)

- ❖ How they changed the world: One brought a CURSE and the other brought a GIFT.

1. Through the Curse, DEATH overflowed, but through the Gift, GRACE overflowed. (Romans 5:15)

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!

Romans 5:15 (NIV)

2. Through the Curse, JUDGMENT followed ONE sin, but through the Gift, JUSTIFICATION followed MANY sins. (Romans 5:16)

Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

Romans 5:16 (NIV)

3. Through the Curse, DEATH reigned over us, but through the Gift, we REIGN IN LIFE. (Romans 5:17)

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.

Romans 5:17 (NIV)

4. Through the Curse, CONDEMNATION came to all, but through the Gift, JUSTIFICATION and LIFE came to all. (Romans 5:18)

Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was the condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

Romans 5:18 (NIV)

5. Through the Curse, many were made SINNERS, but through the Gift, many were made RIGHTEOUS. (Romans 5:19)

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.

❖ Final Thought: The greatest "I LOVE YOU" that you will ever see. (Romans 5:6-8)

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.