

SERMON STUDY



REFLECT

1. What's a favorite family tradition you grew up with that has shaped who you are today?
2. What are some traits, habits, or characteristics that people often inherit from their family?

ENCOUNTER

In Ezekiel 36, God promises to give His people a new heart and a new spirit. That promise answers an important question about the human condition: we need new life from God. But it also raises another question: If our hearts are sinful and resistant to God, how can He both give us new life and still deal justly with our sin?

The answer is found in the work of Jesus Christ. In Romans 5, Paul explains the foundation of the salvation God gives to His people by comparing two representatives: Adam and Christ.

Let's read Romans 5:12–21 and notice how Paul explains the relationship between humanity's problem and God's solution.

3. What does Paul teach us about how sin and death first entered the world?
4. What are the main contrasts Paul makes between Adam and Christ in this passage?
5. What is the role of grace in contrasting Adam's disobedience with Christ's righteousness?

6. In what ways does this text highlight the abundance of God's grace over the weight of sin?
7. How does the idea of being "made alive" (or "born again") in Christ shape the way you understand your own salvation?

TRANSFORM

8. What spiritual practices help you stay aware of the grace Christ has given you?
9. As you look ahead to this upcoming week, what opportunities will you have to extend grace to others, reflecting the grace you've been given?
10. What actions could help you grow in your confidence in God's grace when you face sin, failure, or discouragement this week?

RESPOND

11. Thank God for Jesus, whose obedience and sacrifice secured your forgiveness and new life.
12. Ask God to help you live this week with confidence in His grace.

"Christ did not come to make bad men good, but to make dead men live."

~ Charles Haddon Spurgeon ~