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SERMON: Sin Brought Death | Grace Brings Life

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:12-21

SUMMARY: Because of Adam's sin, death came. Because of our sin, we die. Paul refers to Jesus as the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). Adam and Christ are similar ("type" ESV, "symbol" NLT, "pattern" NIV) in that, through each, all mankind was impacted; through Adam came death and through Jesus comes life. They were very different in that one brought death and the other brings life. The law makes sin more evident and God's love makes grace more abundant. This can be seen in individuals lives! The more sin is evident, the more grace abounds. Sin reigned in death; grace reigns through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus.

I. THROUGH ONE MAN CAME DEATH | ADAM (VERSES 12-15, 17-19)

READ:

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12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. 15 For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many.

17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. 18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

II. THROUGH ONE MAN COMES LIFE | JESUS (VERSES 14-19)

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14 Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

15 But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

Just as Adam was the first of the human race, so Christ is the first of those who will be raised from the dead to eternal life. Because Christ rose from the dead, He is "a life-giving spirit" who entered into a new form of existence. He is the source of the spiritual life that will result in believers' resurrection. Christ's new glorified human body now suits His new, glorified, spiritual life—just as Adam's human body was suitable to his natural life. When believers are resurrected, God will give them transformed, eternal bodies suited to eternal life. (Got Questions)

III. SIN BRINGS DEATH | GRACE RESULTS IN LIFE

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20 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's

wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **Grace-Fueled Acceptance**

LIFE APPLICATION SERMON GUIDE

1. What is your first memory of sin? Understanding? Consequence?
2. What does it mean to you that sin came into the world through Adam?
3. What does it mean to you that life came into the world through Jesus?
4. What impact does sin have in a person's life? On a city? A church? A country?
5. What must we do about sin? How do we receive grace? How are we made right with God?
6. Once Grace reigns/rules in our lives, what are our life mission objectives? (Praise, Thanksgiving, Humility, Sharing, Telling everyone all the wonderful things God has done -Psalm 73:28 NLT, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8) What are the mission objectives of the church/believers?
7. PRAY: Thank the Father for His *Grace-Fueled Acceptance* | Ask the Lord to guide you in the mission objective of telling everyone all the wonderful things God has done!