

**Intro: Eastern Reasoning. Circular Reasoning/Thinking. Repetition to hammer in a point.** Western is more linear. A+B=C. If 1 & 2, then 3. Cause & Effect. Screw. Say the same thing, several different ways to drill in a point or thought or truth. Emphasis. Puritans would do this too. Western says redundancy is bad. Eastern says Redundancy emphasizes a point. Creates a stronger argument. If you can say the same thing, different ways, you have a more convincing argument. Creativity. Parallelism. Word play.  
> **NF: "CLOUDS"** *It's Bruce Willis in a train wreck. It's like trading in your car for a new jet. It's like having a boss getting upset. 'Cause you asked him for less on your paycheck. It's like doing headstands with a broke neck. It's like watching your kid take his first steps. It's like sayin' Bill Gates couldn't pay rent. 'Cause he's too broke- where am I goin' with this?. It's Unbelievable, yes, yes, inconceivable."*

**Thesis: "In Adam, we're dead. In Christ, We're alive!"**

## I. Death Through Adam

**12, 14, 17, 21** - Sin leads to Death. Death/Sin Reign (before Law/Moses). One Trespass" Original Sin.

**13** - Trespass/Sin before Law - Sin is not "like Adam's". God's Word. Revealed Will. Special Revelation. Adam "Knew Better." Knew more. Was more culpable.

**14** - Adam was a type of Christ and Failed. First Adam (MAN). Christ would be **True and Better Adam.**

**15** - One trespass led to death for many. Not Fair? We'll talk about that in a little bit. Original Sin.

**APPLICATION:** NOT FAIR! Imputation. Credited. **Triple Imputation. Adam's Sin > Us > Jesus > Us.**

**Adam's Sin** - You Wouldn't have done better. I might have. I am a pastor after all. Hopefully you know I'm kidding. Adam wasn't even corrupted by sin and still disobeyed. Failed. Even in sinless state. We would have too. All of us! Even me, the pastor. :) **Federalist Papers.** "Alexander Hamilton" *Stole it from Bible.*

**16,18** - Judgment and Condemnation for all. In Adam. His sin imputed to us. Inherited. Hereditary.

**ILLUSTRATION: June 2005. 4 Navy Seals - one of whom was Marcus Luttrell** - sent on a mission in Afghanistan. Came under attack of the enemy. Marcus was the Lone Survivor. Movie. Sustained several injuries including shrapnel, 2 gunshot wounds and a broken back. Crawled 7 miles to closely ally village. Treated. Rescue team sent. Came for him. What if his response was. **"You can't. I'm too messed up. Too far gone. Too close to death. Not good for anything."** Rescuers said **"That's why we came!"**

### APPLICATION:

**Jesus Christ came into the World to save sinners!** You can't out-sin him. No such thing as being "too sinful" for Jesus. It's why He came. Imagine a Doctor with a healing medicine for a fatal disease going into a village: **"We're too sick! We're dying!"** Doctor: **"That's why I came!"** **A child with asthma. Taking measured, small breaths** because they don't want to use up all of the oxygen. **"Breathe deep!"** **Now imagine a sinner, saying to Jesus, the Eternal Son of God, who because man, endured God's eternal wrath & punishment for sin on the Cross, "I'm too sinful. I'm too far gone. I'm dying! I'm too messed up!"** And Jesus's response is: **"That's why I came! To save you! And forgive you! Breathe deep of my grace and love and forgiveness!"** *It's impossible to be too sinful for Jesus. Can't overextend or wear it out.*

## II. Life Through Christ

**14** - The One who was to come. Christ. Anointed One. Promised One

**15** - FREE GIFT. Grace of God. Justification. Righteousness. Free gift by grace. Abounding grace! **v.20**

**15** - "That One Man" Jesus Christ. **David:** "You are the man!"

**16** - Free gift not like result of Adam's Sin. One Sin led to Judgment; Many Sins led to Justification. The Gospel is the Good News of Justification by grace through faith. Righteousness. **Triple Imputation!**

**17 - Much more "those who receive grace" through Jesus Christ. Not universal. Must believe. v.21** Abundant grace, free gift of righteousness, reign in life, thru Jesus Christ. Grace reigns. **"Slay All Day!"**

**18-19 - One Act. Death Obedience, Righteousness.**

**20 - Grace abounds as sin increases. Yep. I said. Paul said. Not qualified. He'll answer it next week.**

> "Grow in Grace" How? Awareness of sin. Repentance.

> As sin grows, grace grows. As sin increases grace increases. Awareness of sin > awareness of grace.

> **Little sinner. Little Savior. Big sinner. Big Savior. Big cross. Big grace. Don't have to try sinner. You are.**

**SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:12-21 TITLE: "Life in the Gospel"**

**ILLUSTRATION: Medication. Grace is our medicine. The stronger the infection of sin, the more grace we need and get. Not going to scare the doctor off. That's why He came. Does what He does.**

**APPLICATION:**

**- Grace Abused or Grace Used?** He loves you too much to leave you there.

**Brennan Manning:** *"God loves you exactly as you are, and not as you should be, because no one is as they should be. But he loves you too much to leave you as you are."*

**John Newton:** *"I am not the man I ought to be, I am not the man I wish to be and I am not the man I hope to be, but, by the grace of God, I am not the man I used to be."*

*Because of sin. None of us are what we ought to be. Because of God's grace, we're not what we could be. And because of His continued grace, we are becoming what he wants us to be."*

**ILLUSTRATION: Michelangelo. David Statue. "Just chisel away the parts that don't look like David." Sanctification. Holy Spirit is chiseling away the parts that don't look like JESUS.**

**Romans 5:12-21**

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.