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PONDERINGS

From Exalting Jesus in Romans

How does Romans 5:12-21 compare with 5:1-11?

What are the similarities and differences of these passages? How does Romans 5:12-21 provide a glimpse of the true story of the whole world?

How is Adam a “type” of Christ (v. 14)?

What does this passage teach us about salvation by grace? How is grace emphasized?

What does this passage teach us about Adam and Christ as being representatives of humanity?

How does Paul connect the concept of justification by faith to “life” (v. 18)?

How does this passage magnify the person and work of Christ?

What does Paul say about the law in verses 20-21?

What are the practical ministry implications from this passage?

What does it say about the need to evangelize, about counseling others, or about how we articulate the Christian worldview?

Believer, spend some time thanking God for the salvation you have in Christ Jesus.

Unbeliever, will you consider what this passage says and turn to Christ now for salvation?

From Tommy Nelson

In Romans 5:16 the judgment arose from how many transgressions? Resulting in what ?

The free gift arose from how many transgressions? Resulting in what?

What was the one act of righteousness in verse 18?

Jesus said, “Not My will but THINE!”

Adam said, “Not Thy will but MINE!”

When sin increased, what increased all the more?

Can we be certain that God can curse the sin of man? How?

Can we be certain that God will bless us through His mercy? How?

In what area of your life do you need to say, “Not my will, but Thy will”?

Look again at Revelation 22:1-5. Who do you need to share the gospel with so that they too can reign with Him forever?

“With Adam, man was lost at a tree.

With Jesus, man was gained at a tree.”

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“One day the only way we will know Satan existed is by the wounds on Christ’s hands.”

From North Coast - Chris Brown

Can you think of any misunderstandings you had about Christianity, Christians or the church when you were growing up?

What is your reaction to this statement: “Jesus gave his life for me, to take my life from me, so he could live his life through me”?

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Experiencing an abundant life can seem like a confusing role. Jesus simplifies it in a talk he had with his disciples where he used a vineyard analogy to explain what it takes to grow in him. Read John 15:1-8 and jot down what role each of the main characters has (God, Jesus and the believer) and the responsibility each has in the spiritual growth process.

John 15:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

The Vine and the Branches

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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In what ways could understanding these differing roles and responsibilities affect your spiritual growth?

What might be some reasons God wants people relying on his power for service and ministry and not just their own power?

Can you think of an example in your own life that has been helpful in reminding you of your need to rely on God's power?

From Mark Driscoll

Personal Study Questions:

1. According to Romans 5:12-13, how is sin not just actions we choose but a deeper nature we have?
2. Reading Romans 5:12-21, make two lists. On one list, make note of everything that explains people who are born in Adam as sinners. On the other list, make note of everything that explains people who are born again in Christ as saints.
3. How have you seen God pour out more grace in the most sinful areas of your life (Romans 5:20-21)?
4. How does God's grace not only forgive your sin, but change your nature so that the Holy Spirit changes your behavior giving you victory over sin? To see this point read ahead in Romans 6.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it vital that Christians understand sin as not just actions we choose, but a nature we have that needs to be changed by Jesus Christ? How does this help us to focus on sharing the gospel with people to become new rather than just pushing them to be a better version of their old nature?
2. How has your view of God changed since meeting Jesus Christ?
3. How has your view of yourself changed since meeting Jesus Christ?
4. How has your desires changed since meeting Jesus Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER

ROMANS 5:1-21 Brad Bell

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