

ROMANS

Lesson 13: All-Sufficiency of Christ's Death – Romans 5:12-21



INTRODUCTION

- Continuation of Paul's message of assurance
- Compare and contrast of Adam and Christ
- Multitude of opinions on what death is meant
 - Physical, spiritual, one with allusion to the other, or both



BACKGROUND

- Paul's purpose:
 - Increase our confidence in the all-sufficiency of Christ's death
- Main subject of the section:
 - Jesus, His death on the cross, and the all-sufficient consequences of that saving event.



ROMANS 5:12-14

- Adam's sin brought sin and death upon the whole world
- Paul starts a thought in vs 12 that he completes in vs 18



ROMANS 5:12-14 – HELPFUL BACKGROUND

- Adam & Eve had access to tree of life (Gen 2:9, 16-17)
- They lost access due to sin and were cast out of garden (Gen 3:17, 19, 22-24)
- Loss of access led to their physical death (Gen 5:5)
- We experience physical death because of their actions and don't have access to a tree of life



ROMANS 5:12-14 – HELPFUL BACKGROUND

- They lived under law b/c you can't be charged with sin w/o presence of law (Rom 1:18-32; 2:14-15)
- Since the result of sin is death they died spiritually (Isa 59:1-2; Ez 18:20; James 1:13-15)
- We die spiritually when we are held accountable for our sin (see above plus Rom 3:23; 6:23)



ROMANS 5:12-14 – HELPFUL BACKGROUND

- Adam's and Eve's sin had universal consequences by introducing sin & death (physical & spiritual) into the world impacting all who live
 - Thus, their sin was unique
- Our sin impacts us and maybe others, but not everyone for all time



ROMANS 5:15-17

- Contrast between Christ and Adam
- Christ and His sacrifice are greater than Adam and his sin
- God's gift of grace (Jesus) has a universal impact same as Adam, but in a positive way



ROMANS 5:18-19

- Paul completes the thought started in vs 12
- Christ's death completely cancels the consequences of Adam's sin.
- All have access to life through Jesus because of His act of righteousness and obedience
- Rom 3:25; 5:8-9; Phil 2:8



ROMANS 5:20-21

- Assertion of the triumph of grace over sin and death
- God's grace is abundant and sufficient to cover ANY and ALL sin problems
- GRACE REIGNS!



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Christ Jesus

- Universal Impact
 - Grace, justification, life (vs 17-18)
- Superior (vs 15, 17)
- Obedient (vss 16-18)
- Victor (vs 21)

Adam

- Universal Impact
 - Sin, death, condemnation (vs 14)
- Disobedient (vs 16-18)


