

## Grace Abounding Over Sin, Part 1

### A Study of the Book of Romans

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**Key Truth:** In Adam you inherit death; in Christ you inherit life, so believe into Christ.

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What do you do when it *feels* like Sin is winning? You believe in Jesus, but in your sanctification, it just feels like Sin always gets the upper hand. Paul begins addressing that question here as he turns a corner in his teaching. He began by pointing out mankind's depravity, as all have sinned (Romans 3:23), but through Jesus Christ, we are justified by faith. Now he returns to the concept of sin and deals with its pervasive nature by striking a sharp contrast between two people: Adam and Jesus. We are all born in Adam and therefore, sin is a part of our human condition, but in Christ, sin must give way to grace. Since grace conquers sin, we can be encouraged that, even though sin *appears* to be winning, it will ultimately be destroyed.

## DISCUSS

Read **Romans 5:12-21** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in part 1 of the sermon entitled "**Grace Abounding Over Sin.**"

## DIG IN

### 1. The Spread of Sin and Death through Adam (Romans 5:12-14)

In what ways has death spread to all men (v. 12)? Who is responsible for that according to verse 12?

Did sin exist before the Law of Moses (see v. 13)? If so, in what ways would it have been judged?

Why was our sin not like the sin of Adam (v. 14)? Why then did death continue to reign?

### 2. The Free Gift of Righteousness through Christ (Romans 5:15-17)

What is the free gift that Paul describes in vv. 15-17 (see v. 17)?

How is that free gift received? Why is it important that we recognize that this free gift does *not* come by way of our biological heritage?

### 3. The Conquest of Grace over Sin through Christ (Romans 5:18-21)

Describe the "one act of righteousness" (v. 18) that led to our justification. What all does that act entail?

If Christ's "act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men," (v. 18), does that mean all people will be saved? Why or why not?

In what ways does God's grace super-abound over sin? In what ways does this encourage you to live a holy life?

## DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?