

Grace Abounding Over Sin, Part 2

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.

This week's sermon delved deeper into the ways in which Adam was a "type" of Christ (v. 14). A Type is "*an Old Testament person, event, or thing having historical reality and designed by God to prefigure (foreshadow) in a preparatory way a real person, event, or thing so designated in the New Testament and that corresponds to and fulfills (heightens) the type.*" (Roy B. Zuck, *Basic Bible Interpretation*, p. 176). Adam is the type of Christ for at least three reasons: 1) Adam heads Humanity, while Christ heads a New Humanity, 2) Adam communicated what belonged to him (sin & death), while Christ communicated what belonged to him (righteousness leading to justification (v. 18) and eternal life (v. 21), and 3) Adam brought forth a *reign* of sin in death (v. 21), while Christ brought forth a *reign* of grace through righteousness (v. 21).

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 2 of the sermon entitled "**Grace Abounding Over Sin.**"

DIG IN

1. The Spread of Sin and Death through Adam: Identity

(Romans 5:12-14)

"Adam" is one of the Hebrew words for "man" and the word "man" is used 9 times in these 10 verses to refer either to Adam or Jesus. In what ways does Jesus bring about a new "man" or new humanity?

In what ways does Adam father us in his own likeness (see Genesis 5:3)? In what ways does God conform us to his Son's likeness?

2. The Free Gift of Righteousness through Christ: Inheritance

(Romans 5:15-17)

In Adam we "inherit" sin and death. How is that different to what we inherit in Christ?

In what ways do we *work* for what we "inherit" in Adam (see Romans 6:23)?

3. The Conquest of Grace over Sin through Christ: Reign

(Romans 5:18-21)

In what ways does sin reign through Adam (v. 21)? Is it necessary for sin to reign over us? Why or why not?

Through Adam we receive disobedience and death because *we sinned*. In Christ, however, we receive obedience and life because *he obeyed*. Why is that distinction important?

What are the effects in our lives of the reign of grace (v. 21) through Jesus Christ?

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