

FIFTH STUDY

CONTRAST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND CONDEMNATION

PAUL SEES THREE THINGS (Romans 5:12-21)

Paul sees three things in verse 12:

- (1) Adam's fall - Enter, sin
- (2) Consequence of sin - Enter, death
- (3) Cause of death - All have sinned

1. When Paul in Romans 5:12 says, *...By one man sin entered into the world*, To whom is he referring?
(ref. Genesis 3:6; Romans 5:14) _____

Sin was in the world before the law was given, but no account was kept (put to the account so as to bring penalty) when there was no law (Romans 5:13). Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses (Romans 5:14), even over them that had not sinned as did Adam. They themselves had never disobeyed God's special law, so when their bodies died it was not for their own sins, since they themselves had never disobeyed God's law against eating the forbidden fruit. What a contrast between Adam who is the symbol or figure of Christ, and Christ which was to come (Romans 5:14).

And what a difference between man's sin and God's forgiveness! For this one man, Adam, brought death to many through his sin. But this one man, Jesus Christ, brought forgiveness to many through God's mercy (Romans 5:15 LB).

2. What is the grace of God called in Romans 5:16?

3. In that same verse, what is sin called? _____

“After the one sin came the judgment of ‘Guilty’; but after so many sins came the undeserved gift of ‘not guilty!’ ” (TEV).

Paul sees 8 conclusions in Romans 5:18-21:

- (1) Offence of one - Judgment to condemnation
- (2) Christ’s righteousness - Free gift of Salvation
- (3) One man’s disobedience - Many made sinners
- (4) Obedience of One - Many made righteous
- (5) Enter, the law - Offence abounded
- (6) Sin - Reigned unto death
- (7) Grace - Reigned through Christ’s righteousness
- (8) Eternal life - By Jesus Christ our Lord

God’s kingdom rules instead! The more we see our sinfulness, the more we see God’s abounding grace forgiving us.