

So MUCH MORE in Christ!
Romans 5:15-17
Live Like a King, Part 5

- In this passage Paul compares Adam's one work to Christ's one work and we discover: there is no comparison!
- Adam and Christ have some similarity. They are the only two to ever walk this earth who did not have a sinful human nature. They were holy. They each came in absolutely unique ways, but how different they are! All men were in Adam's loins. All men were created by Christ. Yet, there is no comparison between the work of Christ and the work of Adam! We have so much more in Christ than we have in Adam!

1. How Different their ACTION! v.15

Romans 5:15; But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

A. Adam's One Great Sin: He went where he should not have gone

B. Jesus' One Great Sacrifice: He went where He did not deserve

2. How Different the RESULT! v.16

Romans 5:16; And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

A. Condemnation came through One Sin of One Man:

- Remember how God poured out blessings upon Adam and how perfect were his circumstances: yet Adam sinned.

B. Justification came after Many Offenses upon One Man

1.) Remember how God poured out wrath upon Jesus and how difficult His circumstances: yet He never sinned!

2.) Now consider these questions:

a.) How many sins were committed against Adam before he performed his one selfish act? NONE.

b.) How many sins were committed against Jesus before He performed His ONE sacrificial act? An INNUMERABLE NUMBER.

3. How Different the REIGN! v.17

Romans 5:17; For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

- A. Adam brings the reign of sin and death.
 - B. Jesus brings the reign of life and of grace.
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- What will reign over your life now and for all eternity? All of us are related to Adam by our natural birth. We must believe in Christ to be related to Him in the New Birth. Will you be ruled by your sins or by the life and grace of Christ in you?