

Peace with God should be a concern for everyone.

**1) Know your fatal problem: In Adam you sinned and die**

- In Adam you sinned. (v.12)
- You also personally sin. (v.12)
- This leads to physical and spiritual death.
- You need a true understanding of your position if you are to know peace with God.

**2) Know God's lavish kindness: He shows you abounding grace as a sinner.**

- God has not treated you with strict justice, but with abounding grace.
- Three ways God shows you grace:
  - It is not strict justice. (v.15)
  - Although it follows many transgressions it brings justification. (v.16)
  - Instead of bringing death it brings life. (v.17)
- Your standing before God does not depend upon you, it depends upon God's gracious disposition towards you.

**3) Know God's sufficient provision: In Christ you are justified and live.**

- You are justified through Christ's obedience (v.18):
  - Your sin is imputed to Christ and he is punished on the cross.
  - Christ's perfect life is imputed to you and so you are righteous.
- You can have confidence about your peace with God because you see the effects of the imputation of Adam's sin. As surely as death followed Adam's sin, so eternal life follows Christ's obedience for you. (v.18, 20-21)
- Christ's obedience brings about righteousness and eternal life for those who are in Christ. (v.21)

Who is your representative? Are you in Adam or Christ?