

“An Antithetical Analogy”

Romans 5:12-21

In Romans 5:12-21 Paul presents an antithetical analogy by comparing and contrasting two men, Adam and Christ. Paul’s analogy of Adam and Christ is antithetical analogy. Because of Adam’s sin, all men are condemned; because of Christ’s sacrifice, many are pardoned.

Adam

- I. Adam’s sin was _____ (12a-b).
- II. Adam’s seed is now _____ (12c).
- III. Adam’s sentence was _____ upon all (13-14b).

Christ

- I. Christ is _____ in _____ (15).
- II. Christ is _____ in _____ (16-17).
- III. Christ is _____ in _____ (18-19).
- IV. Christ is more _____ in _____ (20-21).

What reigns in me? _____ or _____?

“Since the fall of Adam had such an effect as to produce ruin of many, much more efficacious is the grace of God to the benefit of many; inasmuch as it is admitted, that Christ is much more powerful to save, than Adam was to destroy.”

- John Calvin

“The one trespass demanded nothing less than the condemnation of all. But the free gift unto justification is of such a character that it must take the many trespasses into its reckoning; it could not be the free gift of justification unless it blotted out the many trespasses. Consequently, the free gift is conditioned as to its nature and effect by the many trespasses just as the judgment was conditioned as to its nature and effect by the one trespass alone.”

- John Murray