

As in Adam, Even So in Christ

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**Eternity is not based on ‘decisional salvation’
But on the positional relationship: ‘In Christ’
Paul said:**

- 1) By the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation**
 - 2) By one man's disobedience many were made sinners**
 - 3) By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous**
- Eternal salvation is based on ‘In Christ’**

I. The doctrine of positional relationship—(This is how what Christ did counts for us)

A. As in Adam—Even so in Christ

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

B. All who were “in Adam” receive sin, condemnation and death

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 5:18 ...by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation...

Rom 5:19 ...by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

C. All who were “in Christ” receive grace, justification and life

Rom 5:18 ...even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

D. The action of the head counts for all who are in the head (no choice—no option)

—This totally eliminates any idea of “decisional salvation”—(Not by our decisions)

—The two decisions that mattered were Adam’s decision to sin and God’s to save

II. The Bible teaches that people are sinners in three ways

A. People are sinners by practice

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

B. People are sinners by nature

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Eph 2:3 ...and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

We don’t become sinners when we commit our first sin

—We commit sin because we are sinners —It is in our very nature to sin

C. People are sinners because of Adam’s original sin

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III. The doctrine of original sin

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A. By one man sin entered into the world—Adam’s original sin

Gen 3:6 ...and he did eat.

B. And death by sin—Death came as a result of that sin

Gen 2:17 ...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

C. Death passed upon all men—The death penalty did not come just to Adam

D. For that all have sinned

—“*For that all have sinned*” does not mean that we all have practiced sin

—The Greek verb is in the aorist tense —“*All sinned at one moment in time*”

IV. The “Parenthesis” of explanations and disclaimers

A. The explanation of why men died before Moses’ Law —(Of why men die period)

Rom 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression...

B. This that applies to Adam—In some way also applies to Christ

Rom 5:14 ...who is the figure of him that was to come.

C. Adam was *the figure of him that was to come*—But not in all ways

Rom 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.

—Grace abounds “*much more*” than the offence and justice demand

—A relationship to God is “*much more*” than a relationship to man

—The life given by grace is “*much more*” than the life lost by Adam

D. The one sin of Adam in contrast to the many sins of all God’s children

Rom 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.

—Death and condemnation was according to one sin of one man

—Yet the free gift of grace covers many offences committed by many men

E. More “*much more*”

Rom 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.)

—In Adam death reigned—In Christ—Much more—We shall reign

V. In Adam —In Christ

A. As Levi was in Abraham—So are we were in Adam

Heb 7:9 ...Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

Heb 7:10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

B. Adam brought the judgment of condemnation—Made all who were in him sinners

Rom 5:18 ...by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation...

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...

C. Christ brought the gift of justification & life—Made all who were in Him righteous

Rom 5:18 ...even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

D. “*IN Christ*” verses

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **IN Christ Jesus**...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **IN him**.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye **IN Christ Jesus**...

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us **IN Christ Jesus** before the world began,

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **IN him** before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **IN the beloved**.

Eph 1:7 **IN whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Eph 1:11 **IN whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

VI. As in Adam—Even so in Christ

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1. **As** Adam represented all men who were in him
—**Even so** Christ represented all men who were in Him
2. **As** Adam's sinfulness was accounted to all who were in him
—**Even so** Christ's righteousness was accounted to all who were in Him
3. **As** by the offense of Adam judgment came upon all who were in Adam
—**Even so** by the righteousness of Christ grace came upon all who were in Him
4. **As** condemnation extends to all who were in their federal representative—Adam
—**Even so** justification extends to all who were in their representative—Christ
5. **As** by Adam's disobedience many were made to be sinners
—**Even so** by Christ's obedience many were made to be righteous
6. **As** by one man's one sin many were condemned to death
—**Even so** by one man's perfect righteousness many were given eternal life
7. **As** all who were in Adam die
—**Even so** all who were in Christ shall be made alive

VII. Christ and grace—Conquering and reigning over law, sin and death

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. The law made sin exceedingly sinful—even to where sin abounds

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound...

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

B. But grace “much more” abounds—even over abounding sin

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Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested,

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Act 15:11 ...through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved...

C. Another “As—Even so”

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. As sin (the personified vile tyrant) has for ages reigned even to death
2. Even so grace (the personified conquering Majesty) shall reign by our Lord
3. Grace reigns in victory—in power—in certainty—in authority— **“In Christ”**
4. Grace reigns exclusively—eternally—successfully—unconditionally— **“In Christ”**
5. Grace reigns by God’s sovereignty—not man’s agency— **“In Christ”**

D. As in Adam—Even so in Christ

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