



AS IN ADAM | AS IN CHRIST

ROMANS 5:12-21 * MARCH 26, 2023

UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL HEADSHIP

GENESIS 3:1-13; ROMANS 5:12-14

We do not all die because we all, _____, have sinned (although that's true); we all die because we were all _____ (when Adam sinned, so did we).

The good news: If there could be an obedient man, a perfect second Adam, he, too, would be able to serve as our _____.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

ROMANS 5:15-19

ADAM	JESUS
FORBIDDEN TREE	THE _____
TRESPASS	FREE _____
MANY DIED	_____ OVERFLOWED TO MANY
CONDEMNATION	_____
DEATH REIGNED	_____ REIGN IN LIFE!

GUILT OR GRACE: THE CHOICE IS YOURS

ROMANS 5:20-21

You can _____ in hiding, hold on to your guilt, and suffer the inescapable and eternal _____ for your sin.

- or -

You can _____ hiding, stand before the Lord and acknowledge your sin, and receive His _____ of grace and eternal life!

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. In what ways can the decisions of one or a few leaders change the lives of millions of people?
2. Read Romans 5:12-14. Is the doctrine of our identification with Adam, who serves as our federal head, in his original sin unfair? Why/why not? Why is this doctrine important?
3. Read Romans 5:15-19. Discuss the implications of the twice-repeated "death reigned" (in verses 14 & 17). What does it mean with regard to unbelievers (see Ephesians 2:1-3)? Discuss what it means for believers to "reign in life" through Jesus Christ. Does this apply to your daily life now, and if so, how?
4. Paul uses the phrase "how much more" two more times (see verses 9 & 10 and 15 & 17) to show the difference between Adam and Jesus. Why is Jesus' effect "much more" than Adam's?
5. Paul also repeats the words "gift" and "grace" in verses 15-21. How are these words important to the difference between Adam and Jesus?
6. Read Romans 5:20-21. Men were sinners (rebels) by nature before they knew God's Law, for they inherited Adam's enemy status and sinful nature. However, what effect did God's righteous Law have on rebellious people (compare verse 20 to Romans 7:13)?