

## **The Basis Of Our Justification: Dead In Adam; Alive In Christ**

(Romans 5:12-21)

Intro: Having looked at the four blessings that accompany our justification in Romans 5:1-11, Paul concludes this section with a discussion of the basis for our justification in Romans 5:12-21. In the passage before us, Paul shows that just as surely as Adam's sin brings condemnation and death to all men; Christ's death on Calvary's cross brings justification and life to all who receive Him. The key to understanding this passage rests in *our identification with Adam and Christ*.

### **I. Adam: The Entrance Of Sin And Death (vv. 12-14)**

- A. All men are sinners condemned in Adam (v. 12)
- B. Question: "Can sin exist without law?" (vv. 13-14)

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### **II. Adam And Christ Contrasted (vv. 15-17)**

- A. Adam's offense is contrasted with Christ's free gift (v. 15)
- B. Adam's judgment and condemnation is contrasted with Christ's justification (v. 16)
- C. Adam's reign in death is contrasted with Christ's reign in life (v. 17)

### **III. Adam And Christ Compared (vv. 18-21)**

### **IV. Law And Grace Contrasted (vv. 20-21)**

- A. Grace abounding (v. 20)
- B. Grace reigning through Jesus Christ our Lord (v. 21)

Conclusion: We are all born in Adam, and as such, we are sinners condemned to death. There is only one way to overcome our lost estate in Adam, we must accept God's gracious gift of justification by placing our faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.