



Title | The First & Last Adam
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Sermon Notes

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—**13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Romans 5:18

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Genesis 2:15-3:6. What is the bad thing Adam did? According to Genesis 3:4-5, the serpent tempted Eve and Adam, saying “you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” What is the nature of this temptation? Do we still experience it today? If so, where do you see it?

Tuesday:

Read Romans 5:12-21. List as many effects of Adam’s sin as you can find. Does this seem fair? Why or why not? Why would God allow this? How does this relate to Christmas?

Wednesday:

Reread Romans 5:12-21. What is the “one act of righteousness” in verse 18, and in what sense is it righteous or just? What is the “one man’s obedience” in verse 19, and in what sense is it obedient?

Thursday:

Reread Romans 5:15-21. List as many results of what Jesus did as you can find. What is the free gift mentioned in verse 15 and elsewhere? How does this relate to Christmas? How do you receive this free gift? (See John 3:16; Romans 3:23-25.)

Friday:

Jesus is called the “last Adam” in 1 Corinthians 15:45. In what sense is Jesus the last Adam? Why is understanding the first Adam important to appreciating the last Adam?

Daily Prayer:

Thank you for coming into the darkness of this fallen world for us on that first Christmas. Thank you for taking upon yourself the penalty we all deserve that we might instead have the ultimate Christmas gift: the free gift of justification and life. Amen.