



## **Romans 5:12-21 (Part 2)**

### Jesus' Works Are Greater

- I. Introduction:** Paul compares the two spiritual heads of the human race to show why Jesus is greater than Adam and reveal the blessings we have received in Christ.
- II. Jesus Works Are Greater (Rom 5:15-21).**
- A. We Obtained God's Favor (v. 15).
1. Paul contrasts Adam's transgression with Christ's gift of salvation, teaching that Jesus' gift has caused God's grace to abound toward us.
- B. We Obtained God's Justification (v. 16).
1. Paul contrasts Adam's sin with Christ's righteousness, which has canceled our debt of sin and declared us not guilty before God.
- C. We Obtained God's Life (v. 17).
1. Paul explains that Adam's sin brought the reign of death into the world, but Jesus' gift of righteousness brings the reign of life.
- D. We Obtained God's Righteousness (vv. 18-19).
1. Paul explains that through Adam's sin, everyone became sinners, but through Jesus' obedience, we are made righteous saints.
- E. We Obtained God's Rule (vv. 20-21).
1. Paul explains that, since the law was given, sin has increased, and so grace has super-abounded toward us, so that one day we will reign with Christ.
- III. Conclusion:** Paul explains that Jesus' work on the cross is greater than Adam's sin, so that all who are in Christ receive blessings far greater than what was lost in Adam.



## Questions About: Adam Brought Death

1. How does Paul contrast the lives of Adam and Jesus? (**Rom 5:12-21**) How is Adam a “type” of Jesus? (**v. 14**) How does Paul contrast Adam and Jesus as the spiritual heads of humanity?
2. How does Paul contrast Adam’s trespass with Christ’s gift? (**Rom 5:15**) How does Jesus’ work do “much more” than Adam’s sin? (**v. 15**) How did Adam alienate us from God? (**Rom 5:10**)
3. How has Jesus’ work caused God’s grace to overflow to Christians? (**Rom 5:15**) What does abound mean? (**v. 15**) How did Jesus’ work mend our relationship with God? (**2 Cor 5:18-20**)
4. How was humanity condemned through Adam’s sin? (**Rom 5:16**) What is condemnation? (**Rom 8:1**) How does Jesus’ free gift bring justification to sinners? (**2 Cor 5:21; Col 2:14**)
5. What does it mean that “death reigned” through Adam? (**Rom 5:17**) How do we see death reigning today? (**1 Cor 15:22**) How will believers “reign in life” through Jesus? (**Rev 22:5**)
6. How does Paul compare Adam’s transgression with Christ’s righteousness? (**Rom 5:18**) How did Jesus live the righteous life Adam failed to live? How did this lead to justification? (**v. 18**)
7. How were people “made sinners” through Adam’s disobedience? (**Rom 5:19**) How are believers “made righteous” in Christ? (**2 Cor 5:17**) How are we being remade? (**Rom 8:29**)
8. Why did the Law come, according to Paul? (**Rom 5:20**) How does it cause God’s grace to “super-abound”? (**v. 20**) How will God’s grace reign through Jesus? (**Rom 5:21; 2 Peter 3:13**)

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would help you see the greatness of Christ’s grace, which is greater than sin.
2. Ask God to help you live as someone who is no longer under the reign of sin, but under grace.