

ROMANS 5

Adam & Christ:
Federal Headship Theology

Introduction

- **Genesis 3 promises a Seed of the Woman who will undo all that Satan has brought about.**
- **Paul develops this theme in Romans by showing man's state in sin versus what we have in Christ.**
- **Paul's comparison and contrast of Adam & Christ in Romans 5 is based on the idea of this promise.**

Romans 5:12-14

Adam As Federal Head

- **Paul proves that Adam's sin is responsible for the death of all from Adam to Moses.**
- **Death is the penalty for sin**
- **Justice demands that the law be published, along with its penalty, before it can be justly enforced**
- **Since there is no law published until Moses, death cannot be enforced for their sins. It must be for Adam's sin.**

Romans 5:15-18

Adam & Christ

- **Paul has shown that Adam is a Federal Head. Now he shows that Christ is the anti-type of Adam (vs. 14). Christ is also a Federal Head.**
- **Paul is going to show:**
 - **that Adam and Christ are opposites.**
 - **that Adam and Christ are in parallel**
 - **that Christ's work is always the greater**

Adam & Christ: Contrasts

- (Vs. 15) - *deserved vs. grace*
- (Vs. 16) -
 - *One trespass vs. a multitude of sins*
 - *Condemnation vs. justification*
- (Vs. 17) - *death reigns vs. we reign*

Adam & Christ: Parallels

- **(Vs. 18) - Both Adam's & Christ's work are accomplished by *one act*.**
- **Shows the Covenant of Works for Adam.**
- **Shows the full atonement of Christ's death.**

Adam & Christ: Parallels

- **(Vs. 18) - Both Adam's & Christ's work affect *all* whom they represent.**
- **Shows the universality of sin & depravity**
- **Shows the complete atonement of Christ *for the elect*.**

Adam & Christ: Parallels

- **(Vs.19) - “made sinners” vs. “made righteous”**
- **“Many” means that it didn’t just affect Adam or Christ. Their actions affected those whom they represent.**
- **“Were made” - shows that their respective works, by themselves, accomplished the end.**

Applications

- **Whatever you believe about Adam, you must believe regarding Christ.**
- **We deserve our condemnation in Adam. By his trespass, we are under judgment and the tyranny of sin.**
- **By grace, Christ's one act, by itself, gives us a righteous standing before God that covers Adam's & our sin(s).**