

Through one man ...sin through one man ... life

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Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass.

For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin:

The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, **how much more** will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ

Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The purpose of this great passage in Romans is to explain to all believers that salvation in Christ provides life and power *now*. *Our faith is for today. It provides present, prevailing righteousness, dynamic, effective life, and irresistible, invincible dominion. The Lord does not want us to be weaklings; He proposes to live through us.*

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This passage contrasts the actions of two men, and the results of their actions. Adam disobeyed and brought death to all humanity. Jesus, the Lord from Heaven, obeyed and brought life to all who become His in the reconciliation. Thus, as we were one with Adam in sin, we are one with the Lord Jesus Christ in righteousness.

# BEING UNITED WITH ADAM MEANS

To prove that being joined to Adam produced spiritual death, the writer points to physical death, which is the lot of all. Why? Clearly, physical death is but the surface ripple of the deeper death which engulfs every child of Adam.

# BEING UNITED WITH JESUS MEANS

If multitudes, through the sin of their first parent, inherit a nature of evil and consequent death and judgment, is it not also true that multitudes benefit by the righteousness of the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Lord Jesus Christ? Possession of His righteousness and life gives every believer the right to constant victory over sin.