

Romans 5v12-21 Handout

- I. Here we see Principle of the pack. The Act of the one head brings consequences for the many who follow (**12-14; 18-19**). Only two choices:

(So we stand in someone...we're attached either to Adam or Jesus. So what's the difference? And more fundamental to Paul's point, what is it that makes Jesus better and the destiny to which He leads, certain?)

- II. Here's why we can stand secure if we stand in Jesus: Jesus is greater than Adam (15-17; 18-19).

A. In Adam, we get what we deserve, In Jesus we get what we don't deserve.

B. Here's what Paul wants us to see. Don't miss. We stand secure forever when we stand in Jesus bc Jesus's act of righteousness has surpassed Adam's act of sin. Jesus has conquered the power of sin and death. In short, **we stand secure forever because Jesus is greater than Adam (18-21)**.

(Let's think about what this looks like. If we stand secure in Jesus because He is greater than Adam...)

- III. We must hitch our wagons to Jesus and not look back as we trust and rest in His finished work everyday.

A. Not a believer, sin and guilt is piling up. But Jesus offers to cover the price of it if you will receive the offer by faith - placing all your trust in His finished work on the cross (infinity plus one).

B. As believer understand that, yes, there is point at which we enter into life we've received by faith - move from death to life - but practice of trusting/resting in finished work of Jesus is daily experience.

Reflection Questions

1. What is the connection between verse 11 and verse 12? Why the “therefore?”
2. Paul interjects a thought between verses 13 and 17, explain the flow of his argument.
3. How does verse 12 change, confirm, or broaden your knowledge as to how sin spread throughout humanity?
4. Verse 8 is the restatement & conclusion of verse 12 following Paul’s parenthetical input. Does this verse help clear up verses 13-17? In what way?
5. What are the implications of the statement Paul makes in verse 19, “through one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners...” Who are “the many?”
6. Is it fair that we stand guilty as sinners because of Adam? Is it fair that we stand righteous because of Christ?
7. What do verses 20-21 mean in context?
8. So what? How will you apply this text to your life?