

Death Reigned
Romans 5:12-21
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about spiritual death & the grace of God from Romans 5.

- Intro:
1. Much has been said about Adam and sin.
 2. Romans 5 helps us understand more about Adam, the law & the grace of Christ.

I. Adam & Christ

A. Adam & Consequences

1. Adam's transgression brought sin into the world (**v.12**)
2. The consequences of sin spread, the consequence being spiritual death.
3. Death reigned from that time on, because all have sinned (**Rom 3:23**) and as a result all need forgiveness. (**v.13-14a**)
 - a. Without forgiveness one will die spiritually, thus death reigned over them. (**v.14b**)

B. Adam & Christ Compared (**v.15-19**)

1. The actions of adam brought the reality the spiritual death
2. The actions of Christ brought forgiveness, salvation & hope

II. Law, Sin & Grace

A. The Law & Sin (**v.20**)

1. The Law didn't cause sin to increase but to restrain men from sinning, and through the reading of it to stamp upon men's minds what was right and wrong.
2. Man cannot commit any particular sin, nor any number of sins, that grace cannot abound **with** forgiveness. But this involves the faithful, obedient response of man.

B. Sin and Grace (**v.21**)

1. Not only did sin control men, but it caused their death.
2. But grace, when accepted, can make a man righteous, and provide eternal life.

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Sin has always had consequences.

1. The consequences of sin is separation from God.
2. Separation from God is spiritual death, the second death (**Rev 20:13-15**)

B. Sin has a cost and it has been paid.

1. The free gift (**Rom 5:16b**)
2. One man's sacrifice changed the history of man.
3. The love of God shown through His Son makes it possible for man to be righteous once more (**Rom 5:17b**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. While man does not inherit the sins of adam, we do have to deal with the consequences of the sin.

2. However, man doesn't have to pay the eternal price for them, obedience to the gospel allows man to receive forgiveness and a true eternal resting place with the righteous
(Rom 5:18b-19)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9