

Grace Abounding

Sunday, April 18/21

Text: Romans 5:12 – 21

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- Romans 5:17, 20

We must not begin to question our relationship with the world's first man, Adam, because every time you put the question, I will make you ask the same question about our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you say to me, 'Is it fair that the sin of Adam should be imputed to me?' I will reply by asking, 'Is it fair that the righteousness of Christ should be imputed to you? If you say further, 'I cannot understand that sort of thing', I will ask, 'Can you understand the other?' The result is that you will be left without a Gospel, without a hope, and without a salvation. This is a high doctrine. It is beyond our understanding, but, as I say, it is our business to take the Scriptures as they are.

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Introduction: Walking in a New Life of Faith (Ch. 5 – 8)

1. How are we related to Adam, the first man?
2. How are we related to sin because of Adam?
3. How are we related to Jesus, the second Adam?
4. How are we related to sin because of Jesus?



Study and Discussion Questions – Grace Abounding

Open It

1. In what ways can the decisions of a few leaders change the lives of millions of people?
2. What experiences have you had with death?
3. If you could ask Jesus a hard question, what would it be?

Explore It

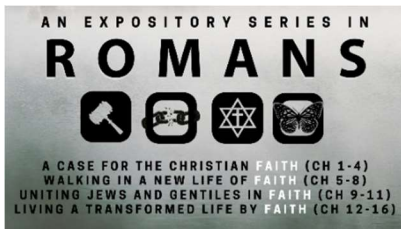
4. What did Adam introduce into the world and pass on to his descendants? (5:12)
5. How did the coming of God's law affect the presence of sin in the world? (5:13)
6. How did the coming of God's law affect our understanding of what sin is? (5:13)
7. What came into the world through Jesus Christ? (5:15)
8. What is God's solution to the inevitable problem of sin and death? (5:16-17)
9. In what ways are the acts of Jesus and Adam similar? (5:18-19)
10. What is the relationship between the amount of sin and grace in the world? (5:20)
11. What effect did God's righteous law have on rebellious people? (5:20)
12. What does the grace given by God to this world produce? (5:21)

Get It

13. In what ways are all people the same?
14. What fears or anticipation do you have about death?
15. What effect did Christ's death on the cross have on your life?
16. At what point in your life did you realize you were guilty of sin and God's love for you?
17. How can God justly judge us for Adam's sin?
18. What makes Jesus' action more powerful than Adam's?
19. How can knowing you are righteous before God affect your attitudes and actions?

Apply It

20. In what ways can you thank God today for the grace He has bestowed on you?
21. What can you do this week for unsaved friends still suffering from the consequences of sin?



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