

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe the most meaningful gift you have ever received. What made that gift so special to you?

2. When should we take responsibility for the actions of others, and when should we expect others to take responsibility for their own actions?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about gifts from God?
 - a) Psalm 127:3
 - b) Ecclesiastes 3:12-13
 - c) Romans 11:29
 - d) I Corinthians 12:4-7
 - e) Ephesians 2:8-9
 - f) James 1:17
 - g) I Peter 4:10

4. How would you explain to a person that the world is guilty before God because of Adam's sin?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to gift a small gift to a friend or family member and use it as an opportunity to tell them about God's free gift to us.
 - ☐ I am going to examine my spiritual life for any areas where I may be disobedient.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize James 1:17.

Cornerstone Church
Romans 5:12-21

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Study Series #012

Understanding God's Righteousness ***Part 5: Righteousness and Condemnation Contrasted***

I. Introduction

A. Chocolate Chip Cookies

B. A Difficult Passage

(See Romans 5:12-21; II Peter 3:15-16)

Look for these key words: "One," "Reign," and "More"

C. Paul Answer's a Common Question

(See Galatians 3:28; Acts 17:26; James 3:7;
II Corinthians 5:17)

II. The Contrast Between Adam and Christ

A. Sin Enters the World Through Adam

(See Romans 5:12; Romans 5:8-11; Genesis 3:1-7;
I Corinthians 15:22; Romans 5:13-14; Genesis 2:17)

B. Grace Enters the World Through Jesus Christ

(See Romans 5:15; Hebrews 9:27; Romans 5:16)

C. The Sin of Adam Causes Death

(See Romans 5:17-18; Genesis 5:1-32; Romans 6:23; Genesis 2:17)

D. The Righteousness of Christ Brings Life

(See Romans 5:17-18)

E. The Disobedience of Adam Made All Sinners

(See Romans 5:19; Genesis 2:16-17)

F. The Obedience of Christ Made Many Righteous

(See Romans 5:19; Philippians 2:5-8; Luke 22:42; II Corinthians 5:17; John 10:10)

III. Conclusion

(See Romans 5:20-21)

Passage of Study Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned; ¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶ The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

¹⁷ For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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