

Study questions for Sermon on Romans 5:12-21, 3/27/22

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1. Romans 3:21-4:25 God explained the wonderful truth of Justification, that is, He declares guilty sinners to be righteous in His eyes. How can God be righteous and holy and do this???
2. Romans 5:1-11 God describes wonderful blessings we have because we are justified in Christ. Can you list some of them?
3. In Romans 5:12-21, the Lord wants us to know additional wonderful things about being justified through faith in Christ. The theme of this passage could be stated as “Much More Grace in Christ.” He compares the condition of mankind in Adam with the condition of believers in Christ. What a difference! First In 5:12-14, He describes the condition of all mankind. What does He say in 5:12 about how sin entered the human race? How does this reality differ from what the world says is the cause of evil?
4. In 5:12, what came into the world because of sin? How does this reality differ from evolutionist claim that death has always been a part of the universe? They claim man evolved to his present condition through the ‘survival of the fittest’, that is, through the millions of years of death, the strongest evolved. What does Romans 6:23 say is the cause of death? What does Jesus say about this in John 8:24?
5. What does 1 Corinthians 15:22 tell us about the different effect of being in Adam v. being in Christ?
6. What does 5:12-14 say is the reason death spread to all men? How were all men guilty of sin even before the law of Moses spoke about the guilt of sinful acts? In 5:19, What caused all men to become sinners?
7. Somehow God sees the human race connected to Adam and guilty of his sin, evidenced by their own individual sinful nature and acts. We have all inherited Adam’s sin guilt and his sinful nature. What do the following verses tell us about the condition of mankind?
 - a. Proverbs 58:3; 51:4
 - b. Proverbs 22:15 NOTE: “foolishness” in this verse does not mean selfishness, but sinfulness.
 - c. Jeremiah 17:9
 - d. Ephesians 2:1-3
8. In 5:15-19, each verse describes the wonderful contrasting effect Christ has in counteracting the effect of Adam. List the contrasts between Adam and Christ in each verse. In light of the suffering and persecution being experienced by the Roman Christians, how would each benefit of Christ listed in these verses encourage them?

- a. V. 16
 - b. V. 17
 - c. V. 18
 - d. V. 19
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9. One of the striking MUCH MORE GRACE in Christ realities is stated in 5:17. What effect does it say Jesus will have on people? How is this more than legal forgiveness? What does Jesus say about this in John 10:10; 14:18, 27; 15:9-11? What does 2 Peter 1:4 say we become partakers of? How does knowing this encourage you?
 10. 5:19 says it was 'through the obedience of the One (Christ)' that man will be made righteous. What was His obedience according to Philippians 2:6-8 and Hebrews 10:4-7?
 11. What does 5:20 tell us about the purpose of the law (Mosaic law of ten commandments)? What does Romans 7:7 say the laws does? What does God want us to know about His grace in 5:20?
 12. In 5:21, what does God want His grace to do in our life? What does Titus 2:11-12 say about the purpose of God's grace? Would it make any difference if a person did not understand the purpose of God's grace in Christ?
 13. How does understanding God's grace help you in your Christian life? What difference does it make knowing the wonderful Grace of God towards you in Christ?