

One Man's Obedience

Romans 5:18-21

I. The Similarities and Differences Between Two Adams (vv. 18-19)

- A. Legal _____ (v. 18)
1. One trespass leads to _____ (v. 18a)
[Rom. 5:12, 15; Psa. 51:5; Eph. 2:1-2; Isa. 1:4-6; Jer. 13:23; Rom. 3:23; Jn. 3:19]
 2. One act of righteousness leads to _____ (v. 18b)
[Eph. 2:4-5; Rom. 4:25; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 1 Pet. 2:24]
- B. Human _____ (v. 19)
1. One man's disobedience makes you a _____ (v. 19a)
[Jms. 2:10; Gal. 3:10; Rom. 3:10-12]
 2. One man's obedience makes you _____ (v. 19b)
[Lk. 2:49; Jn. 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Phil. 2:8; Matt. 27:46; Rom. 5:15]

II. The Purpose of the Law From Two Perspectives (v. 20)

- A. The law came to _____ the trespass (v. 20a)
[Ex. 20:1-17; Gal. 3:24]

- B. Where sin increased, grace _____ all the more
(v. 20b) [Rom. 6:1; 1 Tim. 1:14; Jn 3:16]

1. God _____ (1 Jn. 3:16)
2. God _____ (Rom. 5:8)
3. God _____ (Jn. 10:28)

III. The Result in Your Life Could Go One of Two Ways (v. 21)

- A. Sin reigning in _____ (v. 21a) [Rom. 5:12; 6:23]
- B. Grace reigning in _____ (v. 21b-d)
1. Through _____ (v. 21b) [Rom. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:54-57]
 2. Leading to _____ life (v. 21c) [Rom. 5:2; 9:23; Eph. 1:18; Phil. 4:19]
 3. Through Jesus Christ our _____ (v. 21d)
[Rom. 6:6; 8:2; Gal. 3:13]

TAKE HOME:

- How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ _____ your legal status before God and your human nature?
- Is God's law inciting more sin in your heart, or is it _____ as a guide and a guardrail to aid you in living holy life?
- What does grace _____ in your heart look like for you on a daily basis?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Romans 5:18. How is it exactly that one man's trespass leads to condemnation for all men? (Rom. 5:12, 15; Psalms 51:5; Eph. 2:1-2; Isaiah 1:4-6; Jeremiah 13:23; Romans 3:23; John 3:19)
2. Can you also explain how is it exactly that one man's act of righteousness leads to justification? (Eph. 2:4-5; Romans 4:25; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 1 Peter 2:24)
3. Read Romans 5:19. How is a person's human nature changed by Christ's obedience? What are some aspects to Christ's obedience? Which aspect is this verse talking about? (Luke 2:49; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Phil. 2:8; Matthew 27:46; Romans 5:15)
4. Read Romans 5:20. What is the purpose of the law in this verse? (Ex. 20:1-17; Gal. 3:24) How does the law affect believers differently than it affects unbelievers? Please explain your answer.

5. Read John 3:16. How was this verse outlined in the sermon? How do these truths demonstrate how it is that where sin increased, grace abounded all the more?
6. Read Romans 5:21. What is the difference in sin reigning and in grace reigning? Expound a little more on the impact of grace reigning in the heart of a true believer. (Rom. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:54-57; Rom. 5:2; 9:23; Eph. 1:18; Phil. 4:19; Rom. 6:6; 8:2; Gal. 3:13)
7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

"You cannot help being 'in Adam,' for this came by your first birth over which you had no control. But you can help staying 'in Adam,' for you can experience a second birth—a new birth from above—that will put you 'in Christ.' this is why Jesus said, 'You must be born again.'"

-Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*