

“No Comparison, Except the One that Matters Most”
Romans 5:12-21, Pt. 2
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I. No Comparison... – vs. 15-17

Rom. 5:15-17	Adam’s Tragic Legacy	Jesus’ Abundantly Superior Legacy
Vs. 15 (results contrasted)	The transgression of Adam brought death.	The grace of Jesus <i>abounded</i> to many.
Vs. 16 (context contrasted)	Judgement and condemnation arose from <i>one</i> transgression.	Grace and justification arose in the context of <i>many</i> transgressions.
Vs. 17 (reigns contrasted)	Through Adam’s one transgression, <i>death</i> reigned.	<i>Those receiving grace and righteousness</i> through Christ will reign.

- A. The legacy Christ shares with His people far exceeds that of Adam’s.
- B. Christ’s legacy cancels, swallows-up, and overwhelms the one received from Adam.

II. The One Comparison that Matters... - vs. 18-19

- A. Adam’s sin brought judgement and sinfulness to *all* who were connected to him – no exceptions, no escape.
- B. Christ’s obedience brings justification and righteousness to *all* who are connected to Him [by faith] – no exceptions, no escape!
- C. The rock-solid foundation of a believer’s hope: As *surely* as Adam’s sin brought death and corruption to you, so *surely* will Christ’s obedience bring justification and righteousness to you.

III. The Lavish Grace of God – vs 20-21

- A. Even when the transgression increased, God’s plan carried on.
- B. The increase was ordained to highlight His incredible grace that joined us to Christ and cancelled our connection to Adam.