

In Adam: Sin Reigns – In Christ: Grace Reigns

Text: Romans 5:18-21

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A. The Human Race: Two Identities – In Adam, In Christ

1. In Adam

- a) Sin enters the world by Adam: Rom. 5:12, 14; Gen. 2:15-17
- b) Death results for Adam: Rom. 5:12b; Gen. 2:17, 1 Cor. 15:26
- c) Death imputed to all humanity: Rom. 5:12c; 1 Cor. 15:21; Rev. 20:14
- d) Sin imputed to all humanity: Rom. 5:12d, Ps. 51:5

2. In Christ

- a) The grace of God: Rom. 5:15, Acts 11:19-24, 1 Cor. 15:10
- b) The free grace gift of Jesus Christ: Rom. 5:15-17, Eph. 1:3
- c) The free grace gift of Jesus Christ for our justification: Rom. 5:16
- d) The free grace gift of Jesus Christ for our righteousness: Rom. 5:17

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B. In Adam: Sin Reigns – In Christ: Grace Reigns

1. God's Holy Responses

- a) To the disobedience of Adam
Rom. 5:18-21, Gen. 1:28, Gen. 3:15-16, James 2:8-12,
Ezekiel 28:15-19, Isaiah 14:12-15, Romans 1:18
- b) To the obedience of Christ
Rom. 5:18-21, Gal. 4:4-5, 1 Peter 1:19, Phil. 2:8,
Matt. 3:17, Matt. 12:18, Matt. 17:5, Prov. 8:30

2. Sin's reign verses Grace's reign

- a) The reigning power of sin in Adam's humanity
Rom. 5:20-21
- b) The conquering power of grace in Christ's humanity
Rom. 5:21b