

## Better Adam

### Original Sin – v. 12

#### Aside about the Law

- v. 13-14
- v. 20 (summary)

#### Effect 1: Death vs. Life

- v. 15
- v. 17
- v. 21 (summary)

#### Effect 2: Condemnation vs. Justification

- v. 16
- v. 18
- v. 19 (summary)

## 1) Original Sin & Its Effects on us All – v. 12

1. *“because all sinned”* – v. 12

2. Because of our connection to Adam

a) Unexplained Solidarity

b) Bad Example

c) Physically Present

d) Inherited Sin Nature

Rom 6:15-22, Eph 4:17-24, 1 Cor 15:22

Eph 2:1-3 – *You were “dead” in your trespasses and sins... and were “by nature” children of wrath.*

e) Representative Headship

## Effects

a) Effects of being “in Adam”

1. Death

Many Died – v. 15

Death Reigned – v. 17

2. Judgment

Condemnation – v. 16

Condemnation to all – v. 18

b) Effects of being “in Jesus”

1. Grace Abounding – v. 15, 20

2. Justification – v. 16, 18

3. Will Reign in Life – v. 17

4. Will be Made Righteous – v. 19

5. Grace Reigning in Eternal Life – v. 21

## axis

1. In everyday relationships in this world, who are your “representative heads” (their actions represent you and directly affect you)? For whom do you act as “representative head?”
2. Your 10-year old niece asks you – “Why will I die one day?” What is the full answer from Scripture?
3. Verbalize how you might then tell her the Gospel truth about her “better Adam?”
4. Thought Question: Consider Rom 5:16 carefully, and Paul’s contrast between Jesus and Adam in this instance. Specifically, how does the *“free gift arise from / follow many transgressions”*? Exactly what is Paul saying and how is this better?