

**Sermon: “Oh! That Explains It! (Death Because of Adam;
Life Because of Christ)”**

Text: Genesis 2:16-17; Romans 5:12-21

I. How Adam’s sinning has affected you (the internal, subjective, experiential effect).

Genesis 6:5 “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Genesis 8:21 “the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth.

Psalms 51:5 “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” (NIV)

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

Ezekiel 36:26 “heart of stone

Ephesians 2:1 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins..”

Every human being is born with a sinful, corrupt nature (inherited from Adam) and “is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.” Romans 8:7

II. How Adam’s sinning has affected you (the external, objective judicial effect). Romans 5:12-18

The main thought Paul is driving home starts in Verse 12 and concludes in verse 18-19

12 *Just as* sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

(Parenthetical thought in verses 13-17)

18 Therefore, *as* one trespass led to condemnation for all men, *so* one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

A. The first digression – Paul explains death came to all because of Adam’s sinning.

B. The second digression – Paul expands on the surpassing greatness of Jesus perfect life more than covering Adam’s sin and that of everyone else!

TWO MEN

“one man” “Adam”
“who was a type of”
(verses 12 and 14)

“Jesus Christ”
“the one to come”
(verses 14-15)

TWO PERFORMANCES

“one trespass”, vs. 18
“the disobedience” vs. 19

“one act of righteousness” vs. 18
“the obedience” vs. 19

TWO RESULTS

“condemnation for all men” vs. 18

“justification that brings
life for all men” vs. 18

“the many were made sinners” vs. 19

“The many will be made
righteous” vs. 19

TWO HUMANITIES

“All men” (united to Adam)
Verse 18

“All men” (united to Christ)
Verse 18

TWO COVENANTS

The Covenant with Adam
and all united to him

The Covenant with Jesus
and all united to Him.

“Pastor, do you have some kind of illustration to help me understand this?”

Covenantal Redemption in *Beauty and the Beast* ☺

How do you come to be in union with Adam?

How do you come to be in union with Jesus?