David Hodges GCBC 02/13/22 Romans #15

# Death Through Adam; Life Through Christ 5:12-21

## Sin came through Adam, bringing about death to all. 12

- ●Through one man's sin all sinned and all face death (6:23). (one = 11x, all/the many = 9x, sin/trans. = 15x, death = 6x)
- •Is this fair? Just how am I related to Adam?

## Grace came through Jesus, bringing life to all. 13-17

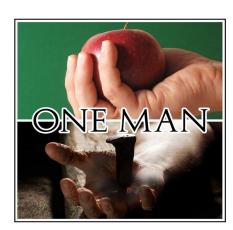
- •13-17 = parenthesis(answers a question and adds details).
- •Question: What about those who sinned before the Law?
- ●Contrast: the effects of Adam's act versus Jesus' act. Jesus' free gift = grace of righteousness (must receive it). Receivers will *reign in life* (see 21b, II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 22:5).

## Summary: Adam and Jesus brought opposite results. 18,19

- •This finishes 12 & summarizes contrast, cf. I Cor. 15:21,22
- •Some appeal to 18,19 for universalism, but see 17, 5:1.

## The Law exposed our sin but grace easily surpasses it. 20,21

- ●The Law makes sin more obvious and worse (3:20, 7:7ff.), however this only made God's grace even greater.
- ●Note reversal: grace reigns in place of death/sin, 14,17,21.



Option #1: to allow sin and death to reign over you.

Option #2: to reign in eternal life.

Question: Have you received the free gift of righteousness offered by Jesus?