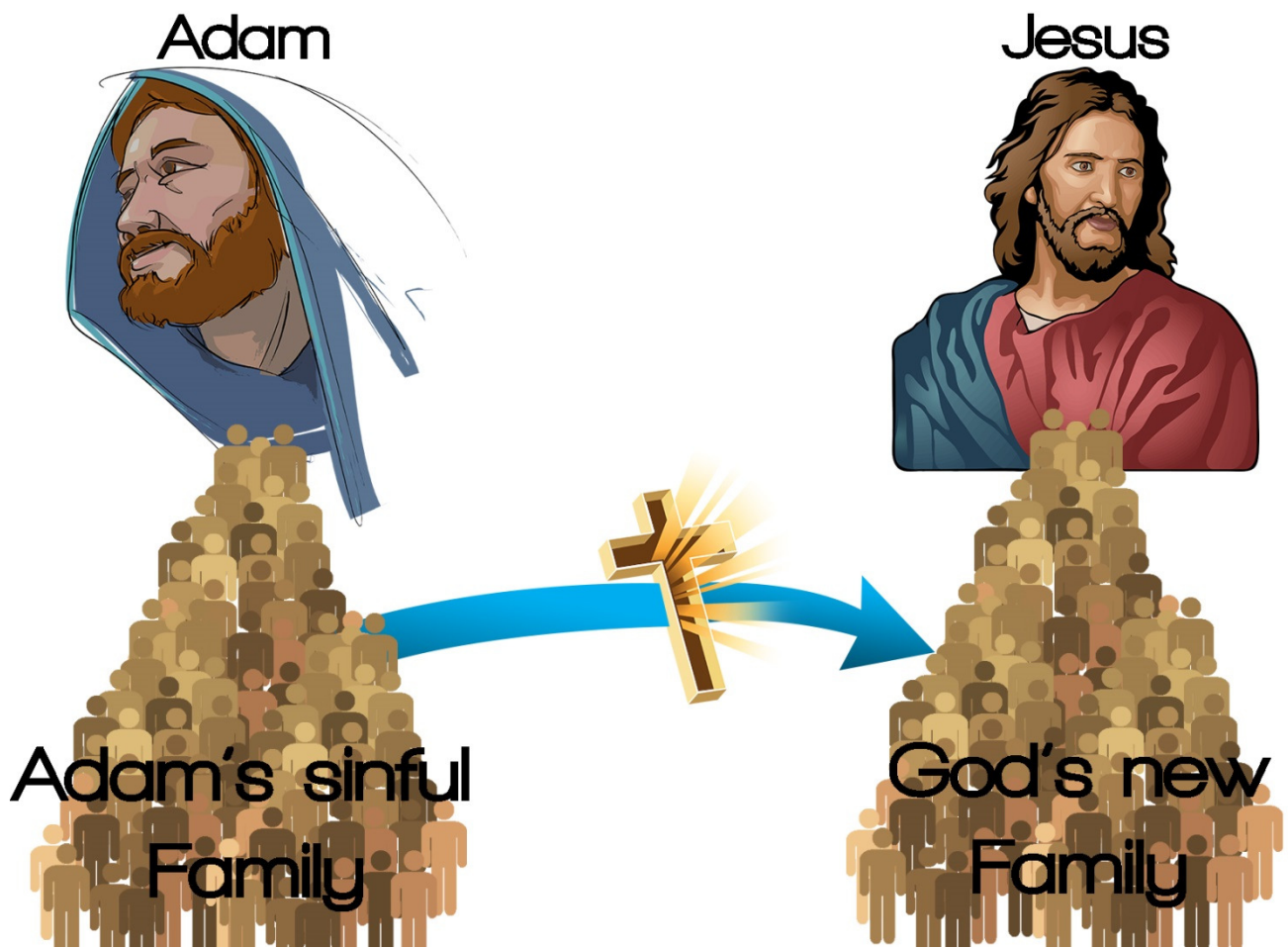


The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 94

God's View of the History of Man:
Two Men in Two Acts



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON

We start this lesson with the following passages in Romans. *Rom 5:12-17*
*"Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. (13)for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not credited when there is no law. (14) Nevertheless **death reigned** from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him (Jesus) who was to come. (15)But the free gift (salvation) is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one (Adam) the many died, **much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many (all mankind).** (16)The **gift (salvation)** is not like that which came through the one (Adam) who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment came from one transgression resulting in condemnation (for all mankind), but on the other hand **the free gift (of salvation)** came from many transgressions resulting in justification. (17)For if by the transgression of the one (Adam), death reigned through the one (Adam), much more those who receive the **abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through **the One, Jesus Christ.**"*

ABUNDANCE of GRACE
 GIFT of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 REIGN IN LIFE
 THE ONE, LORD JESUS CHRIST



Rom 5:18-21 **"So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. (19)For as through the one man's (Adam's) disobedience the many (all mankind) were made sinners,**

*even so through the obedience of the One (Jesus) the many will be made righteous. (20) **The Law came in so that the transgression would increase**; but where sin increased, **grace abounded** all the more, (21)so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"*

In the above Bible passages we'll see God's view of human history...the real human history according to God! This will explain everything for you!

The history of man is a drama in "two acts"! We have TWO MEN: Adam and Christ (*Rom 5:14*).

The TWO ACTS: Adam's transgression (*Rom 5:12, 15, 17, 18, & 19*) and Christ's one righteous act – His death on the cross (*Rom 5:18*).



We have TWO RESULTS: By Adam we have condemnation, judgment, and death (*Rom 5:15, 16, 18, & 19*). By Christ we have justification, grace, and eternal life (*Rom 5:17, 18, & 19*).

And then we have TWO QUEENS: Sin reigned through death (*Rom 5:17, 21*). Grace reigns through Righteousness (*Rom 5:21*).

So the two men, Adam and Christ, with their individual governing power or the results from that power, we see in the *Romans 5* passage above.

It's not what we have done...meaning it's not our sins...but the one sin of Adam that is in view here.



So now we look back to the Garden of Eden and the act that made us sinners, instead of our own sins making us sinners! And the act on the Cross that made us righteous, instead of our own works. *Rom 5:18* "So then through **one sin (of Adam) there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through **one act of righteousness** there resulted justification of life to all men."**

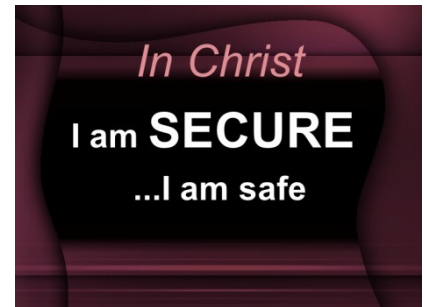
This should make you extremely happy, kids! Why? Because you had NOTHING TO DO with either of these results!!!!!! Condemnation came by

Adam...Justification came by Jesus Christ. God is a genius and His plan for us is PERFECT!!!

All human beings were condemned when Adam sinned. God judged the whole human race that day in Eden because the entire human race was in Adam at the time he sinned. Right? Think about it.

And this fact was an act of God's love for all mankind. God knew that given the same opportunity, every one of us would have failed just like Adam did that day in the Garden of Eden. We creatures were bound to fail for the simple reason that we are lesser than God who is perfect.

God wanted us to be safe in His love forever by Christ's work and this would bring MAXIMUM glory to His Son, and MAXIMUM security and blessing to us as His children in Christ. WOW!!!!!!



So in love He judged us and condemned us in Adam who was our governing power (Head of the human race). In that way, God could justify us in the Person and work of the JESUS CHRIST, who is NOW our governing power if we believe in Him for our salvation.

*Rom 5:19 For as through the **one man's disobedience** the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of **the One** the many will be made righteous."*

We were made sinners because we were guilty by Adam's sin.

Again, the whole emphasis of *Rom 5:12 to 19* is on the fact that the results, whether in Adam's case or in the case of Christ, were produced by a governing power who acted, apart from any actions on our part.

Look at the diagram below of Adam and Christ and what they did for us.

Without Christ (in Adam)	With Christ
Condemnation	Justification
Sin	Righteousness
Death	Grace
	Eternal Life

If you are a believer in Jesus, you are placed beyond the reach of Adam, and are safe forever, no longer subject to sin or death or condemnation!



This is fantastic!!!! Jump for joy!!! You are free in Jesus Christ! There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. God sees you as PERFECT just like Christ. We as believers are set free from the law (or principle or power) of sin and death!

And [Rom 5:19](#) tells us something else. The whole point of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that once you are justified by the blood of Christ you are never to see yourself as a sinner again. You are NOT a sinner in the eyes of God! You are a CHILD OF GOD! And yes, you are a child of God who still sins, who still goes astray but you are not a sinner any longer in God's eyes. This is FANTASTIC!!!!!! Again jump for joy! Celebrate!



Now that you know this, you as a Christian can NEVER call yourself a "rotten sinner." Because if you do, you are missing the whole point of the facts God set down in [Romans 5!](#)



He WAS a rotten sinner; but now he is a RIGHTEOUS person. Always see yourself as GOD sees you...as His child! These are great facts to live in! He has established you as righteous, and so must you.

Remember, we were sinners because of Adam's sin but we are no longer in Adam. As believers we are in Christ and so in spite of everything that sight or other people tell you about yourself, you are RIGHTEOUS in God's eyes.

So tell yourself this: "I am no longer a sinner; I have been established by God as a righteous person because of the righteous act of Jesus Christ on the cross."

REMEMBER: [Rom 5:19](#) "For as through the **one man's (Adam's) disobedience** the many (all mankind) were made sinners, even so through the obedience of **the One (Jesus)** the many (believers) will be made righteous."

*Rom 5:20 "The **Law came in so that** the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, **grace abounded** all the more, (21)so that, as sin reigned in death, even so **grace would reign** through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Neither our sins nor our sinful nature have anything to do with our condemnation. Adam's sin in the Garden alone resulted in our being made sinners and condemned and separated from God.



And it's not our new life in Christ, or our being good that has anything to do with our being made righteous and perfect by God, but only one act: Jesus Christ's death on the cross and His obedience to the Father on the cross on our behalf made us righteous and perfect in God's eyes when we believed in Jesus.

The power of grace is MUCH GREATER than the power of sin. Thanks be to God our heavenly Father, who gave us His Son to counteract the sin of Adam that made us all sinners. Now as believers we are in Christ and PERFECT in God the Father's eyes.

Close in prayer.

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