

Romans 5:15-21 Reflection & Group Questions*

Personal Reflection and Application:

Reread the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. How precious is Christ's life of obedience (all the way to the cross) to you?

Adam and Christ help us see two truths about God and ourselves:

- A. God is holy, so sin require that we be punished. *The gospel tells us: You are more sinful than you ever dared believe.* To forget this leads to license and permissiveness— to what we might call liberalism.
 - B. God is gracious, so in Christ believer's sins are dealt with. *The gospel tells us: You are more accepted in Christ than you ever dared hope.* To forget this leads to legalism and moralism.
2. If I believe and hold on to these truths, how would they change things?
 3. If/when I forget these truths, how will that effect me and all my relationships?
 4. How have these verses caused you to love the Lord Jesus more?

Group Discussion Guide:

Reread the passage above and select which items below to discuss. All of them are *optional*.
Group Leaders please consult your leaders guide in the weekly email.

1. Reread Romans 5:12-14.
2. Which truths from this passage stand out to you? Why?
3. What part(s) of the passage do you have questions about?
4. Review your answers to the Personal questions above. Please choose one and share one of your answers with us.
5. What are some things we can pray for you about?

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6. OPTIONAL: **Reality Check:** As a group try to answer this doctrinal pop-quiz.
- C. The main doctrine of this passage is called, “**imputation**”. What is the doctrine of imputation? **Ans:** that because of the union between Adam and his descendants (both a representative union and a natural union), his sin is the ground of their condemnation; and that because of the union between Christ and his people, his righteousness is the ground of their justification; see vs. 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.
 - D. What is *the* death or penal consequence which is inflicted on all people for the sin of Adam? **Ans.** The judicial withholding of the Holy Spirit, the lost of original righteousness, and the consequent corruption of nature. (a.k.a. separation from God and born with a sin nature; culminating in physical death and eternal punishment)
 - E. When did the human race have its probation (a time in which one path or another could be chosen)?
 - F. In this passage what relationship do have people to Adam and to each other?
 - G. On what ground does this passage place our acceptance with God? vs. 18, 19.
 - H. In what light does this passage present sin?
 - I. [extra credit] How does this passage represent God as bringing good out of evil? vs. 20, 21.