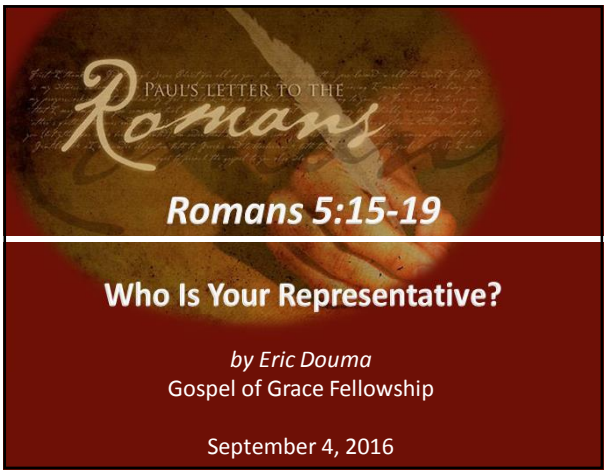

The Contrast Between Adam and Christ

Romans 5:15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

Terms Paul "piles up"

Xarisma = gift
Xaris = grace
Dorea = gift
Chariti = grace
Eperisseusen = abound

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The Results of the Two Representatives

Romans 5:16 ESV And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

The Great Contrast:

1. Katakrima = condemnation
2. Dikaioma = justification

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Evidence of Each Representative's Work

Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- **"by" and "through"** = dia – instrumental
- **"death reigned"** = both spiritual and physical death
- **"will reign in life"** = both now and eschatological
- **"those who receive"** = modifies the "many" language throughout this passage.

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The Two Possible Representatives

Romans 5:18-19 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 disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

- **"made" = kathistemi – appoint – forensic language**
- **Mode of imputation?**
- **Does the "many" imply universalism?**

Romans 5:17 "…those who receive the abundance of grace"

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Applications

1. We must understand that God works by imputation: Adam's sin is credited to all people while Christ's righteousness is credited to only believers.

2. We should understand our need for Christ to be our faithful representative.

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Views Regarding Imputation

	Guilt	Extent	Imputation
~~Pelagian~~	no	alive	example
~~Arminian~~	no	weakened	example
~~Semi-P.~~	yes	weakened	example
Realistic	yes	dead	immediate
Genetic	yes	dead	mediate
Federal	yes	dead	immediate

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Views Regarding Transmission of Adam's Sin

Transmission:
1. Realist – Immediate (We were there!)
2. Genetic – mediate (Corruption from parents)
3. Federal – Immediate (Adam – our representative)

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Jesus Is Our Faithful Representative

Jesus - The New Adam in Luke:

Luke 3:22 …and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:23, 38 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli…the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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Jesus Is Our Faithful Representative

Jesus - The Faithful Son in Matthew:

Å Exodus 4:22 = "…Israel is My son, My firstborn."
Å Exodus 14; 1 Cor. 10 = Israel is "baptized"
Å Numbers 26:65 = Israel fails in the wilderness

Matthew 3:16- 4:1 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

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