

Two Men.  
Two Trees.  
Two Ways.

Romans 5:12-21

## - Romans 5:12-21 NKJV

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him

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15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in

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17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

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19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



1. Sin - Romans 1:1 - 3:20  
(Genesis)
2. Salvation - Romans 3:21 - 5:21  
(Exodus)
3. Sanctification - Romans 6 - 8  
(Leviticus)
4. Sovereignty - Romans 9 - 11  
(Numbers)
5. Service - Romans 12 - 16  
(Deuteronomy)

# Romans 3:21-5:21 (Salvation)

## 3. Romans 3

- a. We all need it.
- b. We don't deserve it.
- c. We can't earn it.

## 4. Romans 4

- a. It is always by Grace through Faith in Messiah-Jesus.
- b. Abe and Dave - before and under the law, It's a faith that works.



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## 3. Romans 5

### 1. (1-5)

- a. Peace, Access, Hope, Confidence, and Love. Standing in Grace
- b. So we can grow and shine in hard times.

### 2. (6-11)

- a. The Gospel = Expounding on the love of God from v5. (2Cor 5:14-21)

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# Sin's spread through history

Real History: Adam and Eve -

Genesis 2-3, Matthew 19:4-6

The connection between Sin and Death

Gen. 2:17; 3:19, Eph 2:1-3,

“Dying you shall surely die” (2 deaths:  
Jude 1:12; Rev 2:11; 20:6,14; 21:8).

# We Are Sinners Four Ways

- 1) We are sinners because we commit acts of sin.
- 2) We are sinners by nature (sin doesn't make us sinners, but we sin because we have that nature).
- 3) We are in the state of sin. God has declared the entire human family under sin.
- 4) You and I are also sinners by imputation. That is, Adam acted for the human race

# Age of Accountability

In Concept -

2 Samuel 12:23, Numbers 14:29-30

In Character -

Genesis 18:25

In Logic -

Romans 1:20

## No Knowledge of Good and evil

**Deuteronomy 1:39 NKJV** - 39 'Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. –

**Matthew 19:14 NKJV** - 14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

## No Knowledge of Good and evil

**Isaiah 7:16 NKJV** - 16 "For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

**Exodus 30:14 NKJV** - 14 "Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the LORD.

An objection answered:

“I thought we were sinners because we broke the Law.”

“The law was too late to prevent sin and death and it is too weak to save from sin and death.”

- Guzik



Adam's work brought death

Jesus' work brings grace

- Adam and the Offense

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- Jesus and the Gift

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# Much More...

Life:

Life in Jesus is more certain than death... (and taxes)

Grace:

If sin abounded under the law, then grace abounded much more under Jesus

**Titus 2:11-12** “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and

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- Grace upholds Gods righteous standards
  - “As heat is opposed to cold, and light to darkness, so grace is opposed to sin. Fire and water may as well agree in the same vessel as grace and sin in the same heart.” (Thomas Benton Brooks)

# Two Men, Two Trees, Two ways...

(1) The first Adam was made from the earth, but the Last Adam (Christ) came from heaven (1 Cor. 15:47).

(2) The first Adam was the king of the old creation (Gen. 1:26–27), while the Last Adam is King-Priest over the new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

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(3) The first Adam was tested in a perfect garden and disobeyed God, while the Last Adam was tested in a terrible wilderness and obeyed God; and in the Garden of Gethsemane, He surrendered His will to God. Jesus Christ turned to a thief and said, "Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)

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(4) The disobedience of the first Adam brought sin, condemnation, and death upon the human race, but the obedience of the Last Adam brought righteousness, salvation, and life to all who will believe.

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(5) Through the first Adam, death and sin reign in this world (vv. 14, 17, 21); but through the Last Adam, grace reigns (v. 21) and believers can “reign in life” (v. 17).

(6) The Old Testament is “the book of the generations of Adam” (Gen. 5:1) and it ends with “a curse” (Mal. 4:6). The New Testament is “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ” (Matt. 1:1) and it ends with “no more curse” (Rev. 22:3).



