**Romans 5:12-21: Two men who have changed the world: Adam and Jesus**

**Summary of Rom. 5:12-21, Paul contrasts the impact of Adam (the “first” Adam) with the Lord Jesus Christ (the “Second Adam”) and their impact on the world.**

**Adam brought sin, enslavement, and death. Jesus brought life, righteousness, grace, and the possibility to experience freedom from sin.**

**Romans 5:12-21 MAIN: God’s grace can change you**

**The problem: Romans 8:10-11 – All believers have a “dead” body. When anyone lives the Christian life, you are witnessing a resurrection miracle (Rom. 8:11). They are living that life through a “dead” body, impervious to the life of God.**

**Ch. 5:1-11 MAIN - Because of the cross, we have a new relationship with God**

**I. Review – Romans 5:1-11**

**Romans 5:1-3 Four things come from being justified by faith:**

**1) Peace with God**

**2) Standing in grace**

**3) Access to grace (Heb. 4:14-16**

**4) A confident expectation of the glory of God in the future**

**BONUS POINT! 5) We are encouraged in trial**

**5:4-21 - God’s love changed us and will change us**

**5:4-8 – God’s love toward His enemies**

**5:9-11 – God’s “much more love” toward the righteous**

**From enslavement to freedom - 5:12-21**

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**II. Romans 5:12 –14 The Reign of sin**

**III. 5:14 – 21 – The Reign of grace**

**5:16 - The effect of the acts of the two men are different: one resulted in servitude to sin, the other resulted in the possibility of righteous actions.**

**KEY WORDS: “Condemnation” = The experience of the punishment “Probably does not mean “condemnation”, but instead “penal servitude”, enslavement, Not the declaration of guilt, but a burden ensuing from a judicial pronouncement.**

**“Justification” = “Righteous action”. A person who has received the free gift (righteousness) can live a life consistent with his new righteousness, righteous things.**

**“Judgment” = God’s judgment that came from Adam brought death to those who followed.**

**Translation 5:16: “And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in penal servitude, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in righteous action.”**

**Adam’s sin brought enslavement. But the cross brought justification and life and the possibility of freedom.**

**5:20-21 – Grace can reign because it is sourced in the gift of righteousness and the experience of eternal life.**

