

Sermon Notes, Sunday Morning, March 21, 2010
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The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs
Why Settle For Less?
(Romans 5:12-21)

I. The Explanation of Adam and the Cause (v. 12)

- A. God's Design of Man (Gen 1:27)
- B. Adam's Disobedience of God (Gen 2:15-17; Gen 3:1-9)
- C. God's Declaration to Adam (Gen 3:17-19)
 - 1. Mankind has Sinned (v. 12a)
 - 2. Mankind will Die (v. 12b; Heb 9:27)

II. The Effect of Adam and the Curse (vv. 13-14)

- A. What we Lost in Adam
 - 1. The Perfection of Image like God (v. 13; Gen 5:1-3; Psa 51:5)
 - 2. The Privilege of Living with God (v.14a; Gen 3:8, 23; Rom 6:23)
 - 3. The Power to Obey our God (v. 14b; Rom 5:6)
 - a. Sin Nature can't Keep Law (1Jn 3:4)
 - b. Sin Nature can't Do Good (Jam 4:17; Isa 64:6)
 - c. Sin Nature can't Exhibit Faith (Rom 14:23)
 - 4. The Peace we Had with God (Rom 5:10; Isa 48:22)
- B. What we Gained in Adam
 - 1. Separation from God (v. 12, 14, 15, 17, 21)
 - 2. Sentence to Hell (v. 16, 18; Rev 20:11-15)

III. The Evaluation of Jesus and the Cross (vv. 15-21)

- A. His Gift is Much More than Adam's Trespass
(v. 15; Rom 6:23; 2Tim 1:10)
- B. His Justification is Much More than Adam's Condemnation
(v. 16; 2Cor 5:19a; Eph 1:4)
- C. His Reign of Life is Much More than Adam's Reign of Death
(v. 17; Jn 5:24; 1Cor 15:56-57; Gal 5:16-17; Eph 4:22-24)
- D. His Obedience is Much More than Adam's Disobedience
(vv. 18-19; 2Cor 5:21)
- E. His Grace is Much More than Adam's Sin
(v. 20-21; Rom 3:20; Eph 2:4-5; Gal 2:21)