

Romans – An Outline

1. Introduction to the Letter (1:1-17)
2. The Gospel Explained: Justification by Faith Alone (1:18—4:25)
3. The Gospel Experienced: the Security of Our Justification (5-8)
 - a. The Immediate Benefits of Justification (5:1-11)
 - b. The Legal Basis for Justification (5:12-21)

Rom. 5:12-21 - The Flow of Paul's Thought

1. The Main Argument Started (12)
2. Two Parenthetical Issues Addressed (13-17)
 - a. What does "all sinned" mean? (13-14)
 - b. How is Christ different from Adam, the type? (15-17)
3. The Main Argument Completed (18-19)
4. The Function of the Law Addressed (20-21)

The True & Better Adam (Pt. 2)

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I. Adam our Representative: How Sin, Condemnation & Death Came to All Men (12-14)

A. Adam's Representation Explained (12)

1. Sin Entered the World through Adam (12a).
2. Death Entered the World through Adam's Sin (12b).
 - a. Physical Death
 - b. Spiritual Death
 - c. The Second Death
3. Death Spread to All Men because of Adam's Sin (12c).
4. God Credited the Guilt of Adam's Sin to All Men (12d).

“All Sinned”: Four Primary Views

- 1) The Pelagian view (Pelagius)
 - a) We inherit NO moral corruption from Adam through our parents and are born without a sin nature [**heresy**].
 - b) We bear no personal guilt for Adam's sin.
 - All sinned: “We choose to sin, because we choose to follow Adam's bad example.”
- 2) Inherited Sinful Nature view (Calvin)
 - a) We inherit moral corruption from Adam through our parents.
 - b) We bear no personal guilt for Adam's sin.
 - All sinned: “We have all committed personal sins, because we inherited moral corruption from Adam through our parents.”

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- 3) Seminal or Realism view (Augustine)
 - a) We inherit moral corruption from Adam through our parents.
 - b) We bear personal guilt for Adam’s sin—because we were *really or seminally* in Adam.
 - All sinned: “We all sinned in Adam, because we were in his loins when he sinned.”
- 4) Representative Headship view (Reformed)
 - a) We inherit moral corruption from Adam through our parents.
 - b) We bear personal guilt for Adam’s sin—because God appointed *Adam as our federal head or representative*.
 - All sinned: “We all sinned in Adam, because God appointed him as our representative.”

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B. Adam's Representation Defended (13-14)

The Key Similarities between Adam & Christ

1. God appointed both as representatives.
2. God appointed both over their “seed” or descendants.
 - Adam – his physical seed
 - Christ – his spiritual seed
3. God appointed both as the only two representatives of humanity.
4. God credits the results of the work of both to their seed.
 - Adam – sin, condemnation, and death
 - Christ – righteousness, justification, and eternal life