

COMPARISON I.

The gift of Christ is deeper and more certain than the sin of Adam...

The Gift of Christ is wider than the sin of Adam.

and the Gift of Christ is higher than the sin of Adam.

II

Summary:

one transgression all condemned
one act of righteousness
justification to all men

III

Explanation of v. 18

literally, "set down as... sinners.."

and "set down as" righteous

a legal term as "it is written" like a "book of life.."

Romans 5:15 - 21 Christ vs. Adam

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. 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. 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.

18 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. 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death,

Conclusion: "Grace through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"

If God can be counted on to do what He does not enjoy much more can He be counted on to do what He delights in...

The judgment came from one sin but salvation did not forgive just one sin but a multitude of sins

Christ's salvation will not just restore us to the garden of Eden but to Revelation 22:5 where we will reign in life... And "live forever"

all in the sense of "available" to all

IV
The Purpose of Law

Not to save but to show what sin is to all men

even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal

life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Life Group Application Questions

1. Christ's gift is deeper, wider, and raises you higher than Adam's sin.
How does this make you feel as one who has received His gift?

2. How does "imputed sin" or "original sin" in Adam affect your view of

- psychology
- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Science
- Liberal theology
- Politics

Be aware that original sin in man can only be cured by being born again into the last Adam.
How does that affect the optimism of the above perspectives?