

## The Tale of Two Men Romans 5:15-21

*Question:* Who are the two men that define world history from God's point of view?

*Answer:* Adam and Jesus

Three important contrasts between Adam and Jesus:

Contrast #1: Adam's trespass versus Christ's free gift (v.15)

Contrast #2: Adam's sin brought condemnation Christ's death brought justification (v.16)

*Question:* How many sins did Adam have to commit to bring condemnation to the whole world?

*Answer* One

*Question* How many sins were forgiven in the death of Christ?

*Answer:* Many

Contrast #3: Because of Adam's sin, death reigned; those who receive Christ reign in life.  
(v.17)

Two sets of results that flow from Adam and Christ:

Result #1: In Adam— "condemnation" (v.18a)

In Christ — "justification and life" (v.18b)

Result #2: In Adam— "made sinners" (v.19a)

In Christ— "made righteous" (v.19b)

*One final principle:* In Jesus Christ we have gained so much more than we ever lost in Adam. (v.20,21)

*Question* Why did God give the Ten Commandments?

*Answer:* God gave the Ten Commandments so that we might realize the depth of our own personal sinfulness.

"But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." (v.20b)

When Paul says, "Sin increased," he uses a word that speaks of addition.

When Paul says, "Grace abounded," he uses a word that speaks of multiplication.

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