

# CHRIST AND THE REIGN OF LIFE — RO.5:15-21

## **EFFECTIVENESS of Each Man's Act (v.15) — Stresses one man with many affected idea**

“But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many” (Ro.5:15)

- Adam effective in bringing condemnation; Christ effective in bringing grace.

## **EXTENT of Each Man's Act (v.16) — Stresses the two different results**

“And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification” (Ro.5:16)

- Adam's act extends to condemn all men. Christ's act extends to believers' justification.

## **EFFICACY of Each Man's Act (v.17) — Grace overpowers the consequence of sin**

“For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.” (Ro.5:17)

- Shows the legal effects of (1) one trespass; (2) Abundance of grace.
- Adam's one sin did NOT produce the desired result. Christ's one act DID produce the desired result.

## **ESSENCE of Each Man's Act (v.18-19) — Essence: in Adam, with potential of being in Christ**

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. (Ro.5:18-19)

- Verse 18 in essence: All men experience condemnation or justification.
- Verse 19 in essence: All men are either made sinners or made righteous.
- In essence we are born identified with Adam, but we may be born again unto identification with Jesus.

## **ENERGIZING Force of Each Man's Act (v.20-21) — Energizing Force: (1) Law; (2) Grace**

<sup>20</sup>Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup>so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Ro.5:20-21).

- What energizes sin — Law | What energizes righteousness — Grace.
- The Law does not damn people to hell; Adam's sin did that!
- The Law does not bring righteousness; Believing on Christ does that!

