



Growth Group Discussion Questions for Romans 5:12-21
Week of April 28-May 1, 2019

1. Scripture memory: Review Titus 3:1. Memorize, meditate on, and be ready to recite Titus 3:2.
2. Prayerfully and carefully read Romans 5:12-21 at least twice.
3. Consider Romans 5:12-14.
 - a) How does this passage say we can know that sin was in the world (v. 12, 14)?

 - b) Verse 13 says that “sin indeed was in the world before the law [i.e. law of God] was given.” Why can man not claim ignorance of God’s law as an excuse for sin (Romans 1:18-20; 2:15-16)?
4. Note the repeated references in Romans chapter 5 to the “one man (Adam)” and the “one man (Jesus Christ).” Adam is seen as the head of fallen humanity, and Christ as the head of redeemed humanity. In v. 14, Adam is said to be “a type of the one who was to come.” How is Adam a type (or pattern) of Christ in verses 15, 17, 18, and 19?
5. In the table below, list the key truths of Romans 5:15-21. Briefly contrast (*key words/phrases only*) the disastrous effects of Adam’s disobedience and the gracious effects of Christ’s obedience.

Disastrous Effects of Adam’s Disobedience	Gracious Effects of Christ’s Obedience
v.15	v.15
v.16	v.16
v.17	v.17
v.18	v.18
v.19	v.19
v.20	v.20
v.21	v.21

6. Summarize the truths discovered in this passage by answering the following questions:
 - a) What has Adam's disobedience brought to humankind?

 - b) What has Christ's obedience offered to humankind?

 - c) How do the contrasts in this passage strengthen your understanding of the Gospel message and your ability to clearly articulate it to those in need of this good news?

7. Romans 5 teaches us that the justification and salvation that Christ brings is "much more" than what Adam has given us (see v.15, 17 and 20-21). In what ways are they "much more?"

8. How do the passages below describe our movement from the realm of Adam to the realm of Christ?
 - a) Col. 1:13

 - b) Eph. 4:20-24 (Col. 3:9-10)

 - c) 1 Cor. 15:22, 47-49

 - d) What has this movement looked like in your life? Was it sudden? Gradual? Still in process?

9. What principles or thoughts had the most impact on you from the message on Sunday, April 28th? How were you challenged? What points of application did you take away from the message?

PRAY IN THE GROUP: As Christ's church, we are called to be stewards and caretakers of the truths proclaimed in the above passages of Scripture (1 Tim. 3:15). Pray that God would grant us all a much deeper knowledge and understanding of our own salvation, so that we would be compelled to share this incredible Gospel message with others – our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and all those that the Lord brings into our daily lives!