

1. Is it fair to be condemned for something that you, personally, did not do? **Sometimes.**
2. Does God have it in for the wicked? **NO**

General Revelation: truth revealed through creation and our conscience

Special Revelation: truth revealed supernaturally by God

THE TRESPASS

THE GIFT

Rom 5:12, 15-21

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—...

the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man,

the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation,

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man,

18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men,

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners,

20 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased,

so that, just as sin reigned in death,

15 But the gift is not like

how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

16 Again, the gift of God is not like

but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

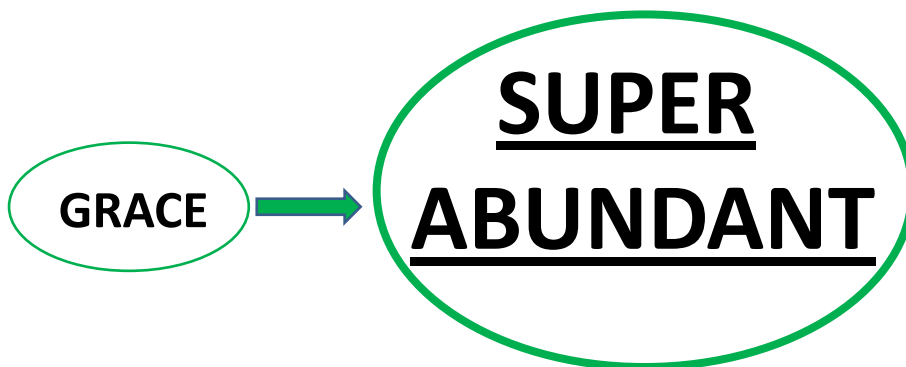
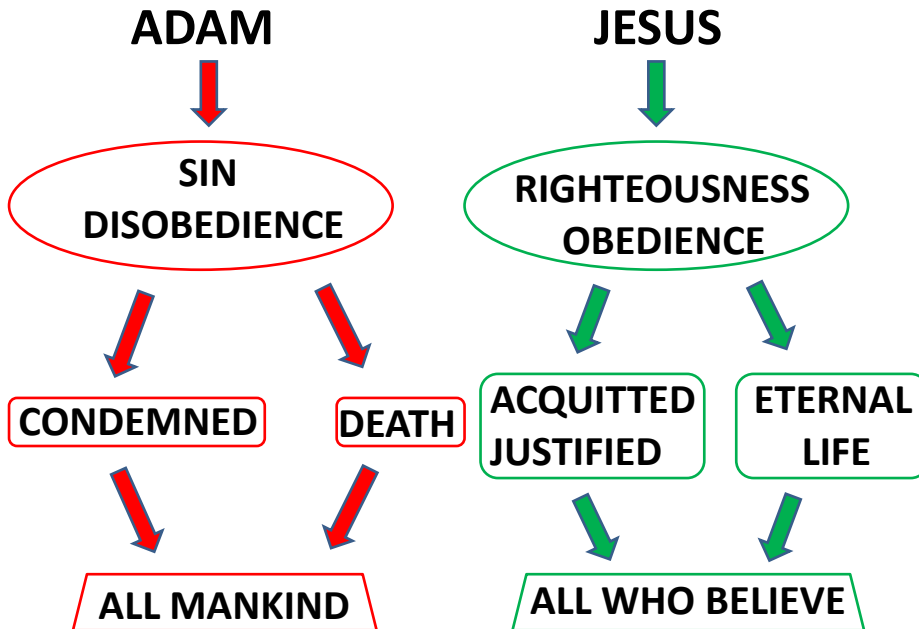
so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

grace increased all the more, 21

so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 5:18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.



Our involvement cannot be that of **personal voluntary transgression** on our part.
It can only be that of **imputation**, that
by reason of **representative unity**
the sin of Adam is **reckoned to our account** and therefore reckoned as ours
with all the... consequence which sin carries with it.
In the **judicial judgment** of God the sin of Adam is the sin of all.--John Murray

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of a continent, a part of the main;... any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.--John Donne

There are two systems:

System #1. **SELF-SALVATION** through **WORKS**.

System #2. **RELYING** on a **CHAMPION**, Jesus, as our **SUBSTITUTE**.

Why is this important?

1. To love God more and hurt him less. To stop blaming God.
2. To let God define good and evil.