



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Nov 5th, 2017

ROMANS: Adam Started It, Jesus Finished It

Romans 5: 12-21

- Firsts In History

- The Nature of Sheep
Isaiah 53:6, ESV

- The First Through The Door

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—" (Romans 5:12, ESV)



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- **A Couple of Issues of Clarification...**

"for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come." (Romans 5:13-14, ESV)

- **There's Something Available More Than You Can Imagine**
Romans 5:15-17 (ESV)

1. Light isn't the opposite of _____
2. Grace isn't the opposite of _____
3. Life isn't the opposite of _____
4. Rightness With God isn't the opposite of _____ Before God

- **Two Roads, Two Choices, Two Decisions, Two Destinies**
Romans 5:18-21 (ESV)

a) Obedience or _____?

b) Who Will You _____?



c) The Reign of Life
Romans 5:21

- Follow The Leader, Choose Your Lord

Answers: Dark, Sin, Death, Judgement, Disobedience, Follow



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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

We connect in Life Groups to:

- Connect with God and each other
- Connect the Bible to life
- Connect with the community through serving together

Welcome/Mingle/Eat

Leaders: See Agenda Helps document.

Ice Breaker Describe a gift you received a with “strings attached,” meaning there were expectations of return behavior or offering.

Prayer Tithe Give your time to God. Before your sermon discussion, pray together.

This Week “Adam Started It, Jesus Finished It” Romans 5:12-21

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?



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2. The concept of "original sin" can confuse and even repel people. What misunderstandings have you had or encountered about sin and Christianity, Christians or the church?

Although Paul describes Adam as a representative of humanity, he states that people's own sin condemns them (Rom 3:23; 5:12). The "law" identified the sin that Adam introduced. A pattern was set for the One who is to come (see also 1 Cor. 15:45).

3. What is your reaction when someone tells you that "Jesus gave his life for me"? (Rom. 5:15-17)



4. How can you explain the difference Jesus makes to someone who has not heard the Gospel's good news?

5. Read Genesis 2:7; 3:23-24, John 6:38, 1 Corinthians 15:47-49 and Revelation 3:20. How do these passages speak to the Romans 5:12-21 passage?



6. What do these passages say about Jesus love towards us?

WRAP-UP The main question thread throughout the Bible is, "Will we follow the way of Adam (death) or Jesus (life)?" Jesus stands knocking at the door... it is our choice whether or not to answer.

7. How do you see your life reflected in the below quote by Bible translator, J.B. Phillips?

The great difference between present-day Christianity and that of which we read in these [New Testament] letters, is that to us, it is primarily a performance; to them it was a real experience. We are apt to reduce the Christian religion to a code or, at best, a rule of heart and life. To these men it is quite plainly the invasion of their lives by a new quality of life together. They do not hesitate to describe this as Christ living in them. We are practically driven to accept their own explanation, which is that their little human lives had, through Christ, been linked up with the very life of God.



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8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study guide, what's the most important thing for you to remember and put into action?