

Condemned or Justified

Introduction

- In dealing with sin it is invaluable that we learn of our weakness through the flesh while at the same time realize the power of the saved life with an indwelling Holy Spirit and a new divine nature that has power over death!

I. Romans 5:12

- A. Through the single act of the one man, Adam, all were committed to death
- B. Through Adam we receive the sin nature and death
- C. In Christ we receive a divine nature that leads to eternal life.

Now we continue the comparison – Romans 5:18-21

II. Condemnation verses Justification - "... (18)

A. Condemnation – (18a)

1. By the offence of one – Adam’s sin
2. Judgement – upon all men
3. Judgement – Condemnation - John 3:18-19

B. Justification - (18b)

1. By the righteousness of one – Jesus - 2 Corinthians 5:21
2. Free gift – upon all men – purchased for all but only received by the few
 - a. 1 John 2:2
 - b. Hebrews 2:9
3. Free gift – Justification - Acts 13:37-39

III. Disobedience verses Obedience - (19)

A. Disobedience – (19a) “

1. One man’s disobedience – Adam’s sin
2. Many were made sinners

B. Obedience – (19b)

1. The obedience of one – Jesus
2. Many made righteous – 2 Corinthians 5:21

IV. Law verses Grace - (20)

A. Law – (20a)

1. Law entered – Galatians 3:24
2. Offence abounded – Before salvation – It was made more obvious.

B. Grace – (20B)

1. Where sin abounded – the free will of man acting as his own god
2. Grace abounded more – God has more grace than we have sin!

V. Death verses eternal life - (21)

A. Death – (21a)

1. When sin reigns – lost, sin nature controls us
2. It leads to death – James 1:14-15

B. Eternal life – (21b)

1. When grace reigns through righteousness
2. Eternal life is given by Jesus Christ our Lord
 - a. Having the righteousness of Christ affords us the greatest gift of grace
 - b. We were sinners, but in Christ we have God’s GRACE!