

# Adam and Jesus

Romans 5

## 1. Intro

1. Abraham's faith was counted to him as righteous (Gen 15:6)
  1. before law
2. Paul emphasis the work that Jesus has done for us and makes a comparison between two people.
  1. One brought sin and death, the other brought righteousness and life.

## 2. Justified By Faith

1. Therefore
  1. Because of the previous information (Abraham's faithfulness & Jesus being raised)
  2. By faith we are made right (justified) to God through Jesus (1)
    1. Our faith is not just believing in the person of Jesus, but in what He has done for us (cross).
    2. Jesus' work give us peace with God – no longer under His wrath.
  3. We are in this undeserved place of privilege (2)
    1. we look forward to sharing in God's glory.

### 2. Faith Developed (3-5)

1. Difficulties in life produce:
  1. Endurance – staying power
  2. Character
  3. Hope
  4. Hope will not disappoint
2. His love for us is shown by the giving of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. The Right Time

1. Jesus came at the right time
  1. In history (6)
  2. While we were in sin (8)
2. Because we are made right in God's sight because of Jesus:
  1. There is no condemnation (9)
  2. We were restored by His death (10a)
  3. We are saved by His life (resurrection) (10b)
3. Our new relationship will produce in us joy rather than fear (11)

## 3. Through One

1. Adam sinned; death spread to all (12)
  1. Even though there was no law, sin still abounded.
  2. It brought condemnation (16a)
  3. His sin ended life.
2. Jesus died; life spread to all (15b)
  1. Gift of forgiveness

2. Made right with God (16b)
3. Live in triumph over sin (17b)
  1. Sin has no more power over us.
4. Jesus' work extends life.
3. Comparison
  1. Condemnation – new life and right relationship (18)
  2. Disobeyed; became sinners – obeyed; made righteous (19)
  3. Law showed how sinful we could be – God's grace superseded that. (20)
  4. Sin once ruled – now grace rules (21a)

#### 4. Application

1. Justified by faith
  1. Undeserved Privilege (2)
    1. Taken out of the arena of performance and put into the arena of grace.
  2. Living Life
    1. Easy to boast about the good things in life, harder to boast in the difficult times. (3)
      1. Do we have staying power when difficult times come?
        1. Is our faith in Jesus enough to carry us through?
      2. Our true character will come to the surface eventually.
    3. We become more certain of our future.
      1. If He can sustain us here in hard times, our hope is built up for the future.
2. Through One
  1. God takes sin seriously
    1. We try and downplay our sins. Saying it was only a little one.
      1. Even Adams sin, in our eyes, didn't seem like such a big deal.
  2. The work of Jesus allows us to to begin living in a new way, not under the power of sin, but as a person of righteousness.
    1. He forgives the sins of our past, wipes out our past, and gives us a new future.
  3. Our identity is found either in Adam or in Christ.
    1. Do we keep looking backward and inward, to try and increase our self-esteem?
    2. Do we look forward and outward to the one who paid the price?

#### 5. Conclusion

1. Adam was tempted and failed, but Jesus, though tempted, succeeded.
2. We have a right standing with God through His Son. (21b)