REIGN IN LIFE

Romans 5:12–21

Key Verse: 5:17

1. Of what amazing thing about Jesus has Paul just assured us? (9,10) Why might it be hard for people to believe this?
2. How does Paul begin to explain? (12) Why does death always follow sin? (6:23a) Why does Paul stress the impact of one person’s sin in this verse?
3. What does Paul say about the situation before God gave the Law of Moses? (13,14) Think about the meaning of the words “death reigned” (14a); what kind of world does it describe?
4. What does Paul mean that Adam was a “type of the one who was to come”? (14b) Describe the first contrast between Adam and Christ that Paul makes (15). What is “the free gift”? How and why does Paul contrast condemnation and justification? (16; see also verse 18)
5. Read verse 17. Note how Paul repeats how grace “abounds” (15b,17,20); what does this mean to us? What does Paul mean by the words “reign in life,” and how can we experience this? (6:12; 7:23–25a; 8:37–39; cf. 1Co15:56–57; 2Ti2:12)
6. How else does Paul emphasize the importance of “one man,” (18,19) and how does this give us confidence in what Jesus did? What concluding remarks about the law, sin and grace does Paul make to encourage us? (20,21)