

“Adam or Christ?”

Romans 5:12-21

- 1) What two events did the speaker identify as the two major (most significant) events of human history?
- 2) Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 3) What is the purpose of Paul’s “history lesson” in 5:12-21? (consider the previous and the following contexts for your answer)
- 4) Who does Paul use for his history lesson? Why these particular ones?
- 5) How, generally, does Paul see Adam as a “type” or analogy of Christ?
- 6) In verses 12-14 Paul opens the “history lesson” with a “catastrophe” of epic proportions. What is it? How did it come about? Who is affected by it?
- 7) In verses 15-19 Paul develops or opens up the analogy between the act of Adam and the act of Christ. What mainly characterizes Paul’s development between Adam’s act and Christ’s act in verses 15-17?
- 8) What dismal “chain of progression (or, regression)” issued from Adam’s sin?
- 9) What blessed “chain of progression” issues from Jesus’ obedience?
- 10) What mainly characterizes Paul’s development of the relationship between Adam’s act and Christ’s act in verses 18-19?
- 11) What is the main point that issues from Paul’s development in verses 15-19 respecting what came about through Adam and what came about through Christ?
- 12) As Paul closes the history lesson he makes reference to the Law. Can the Law help man out of his ruin? Why or why not?
- 13) In light of these verses (5:12-21) what may we say is man’s fundamental problem?

14) In light of these verses what is man's only way of rescue and hope?