

Romans #075

“One man’s devastating failure and another Man’s overwhelming success”

In preparation, please read *Romans 5:16-21*

George MacDonald said, "In whatever man does without God, he must fail miserably or succeed more miserably"

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The effects of the first Adam's disobedience are overcome by the second Adam's obedience, in that sin and death entered into the world through Adam's sin (vs12-14) and the free gift of God's righteousness was made abundantly available through Jesus Christ (vs15).

There are consequences for all men for the disobedience of Adam and for the obedience of Jesus Christ and those consequences not only apply to eternity but also to our lives today, experientially.

This gives us the most fantastic advantage of instead of God imputing our own personal sins, AOS can be imputed to us and our sins can be imputed to Jesus Christ!

From one sin came many spiritual deaths.

The gift resulted in many sins being judged for one justification.

The good news is: Because of one Man's work on the cross, the entire human race is eligible for justification!

The original sin of Adam was Satan's challenge to the justice of God.

All functions of God toward man after AOS must be related to the justice of God in the condemnation of one man, the condemnation of all mankind and salvation for all in the gracious gift of Jesus Christ through the justice of God judging all sins in Him bearing them on the cross.

Since man is born spiritually dead because of the imputation of AOS and the sin nature, personal sins were not judged from Adam to Moses, nor at any other time until the cross.

From the source of one act of sin comes condemnation from the justice of God for all and from the judgment of many sins comes one act of justification from the justice of God, available to all.

Therefore, justification is *much more* than condemnation because justification deals with all sins in the world, while condemnation dealt with only one sin, the original sin in the world.

Providing capacity for blessing and reality of blessing from the justice of God is nothing compared to providing justification.

If God gave us the greater He will not withhold the lesser.

The justice of God had no relationship with man in the Garden until man sinned.

Justice condemns before justice blesses, so condemnation precedes salvation and justification.

If God has done the most for us in justification, it follows a fortiori, that He can do the lesser in eternity.

This person receives salvation through faith in Christ; then over a period of time, develops capacity by taking in the Word, recovering when failing, gaining spiritual maturity.

Righteousness imputed is the potential and biblical truth learned, understood and applied is the capacity for blessing.

If God can bless the mature believer in life,

He can reward and bless the same believer in eternity.

The more difficult thing is blessing from the justice of God in time than in eternity because in eternity, there is no opposition from Satan, from the sin nature or from false doctrine.

So, in the human race, spiritual death and condemnation come from the imputation of AOS to Adam's trend, producing Adam's facsimile immediately.

Our relationship with God at physical birth is spiritual death; our relationship with God at the new birth is justification.

What's better than perfect environment?

Growing up spiritually and receiving blessing from the justice of God.

God's grace in the grace pipeline provides more for man in the devil's world than Adam lost in the fall with his banishment from the Garden.

REMEMBER:

We have to be condemned before we are candidates for grace!

As a result of spiritual death, Adam's sin continues in our personal sins, which leads to our awareness of our condition.

Spiritual maturity substitutes the rule of sin nature with the rule of the grace of God. *Adam's sin nature ruled through spiritual death but the grace of God rules through the imputation of God's righteousness and a result of that is maturity.*

The only way that the potential can be realized is to give something to believers at salvation that was never given in the Garden of Eden; something that makes it permanent; eternal life.