

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 10, 1989

“In Christ, Life Reigns”
Romans 5:15-20

Introduction - In Adam death reigns. In Adam; sin, condemnation, death.

You are either in Adam or in Christ (1Cor.15:22). Death or life. We are born in Adam, all men are born in Adam, but we do not have to stay there.

V. 15 Contrasts Adams' transgression with Christ's free gift. The contrast is the gift is so much more, for we are joint heirs with Christ.

V. 16 A contrast in verdicts, one is sin resulting in condemnation, the other is a huge amount of sin resulting in justification. How could so many sins result in justification? Gift, the free gift!

In Adam condemnation is a wage, what we have earned, what we deserve. In Christ, what we receive is a gift.

V. 18 How was justification, the gift secured? By one act of righteousness. Jesus took the wrath of all sin on the cross.

V. 19 Contrast in essence.

Adam's sin produced sinners.

Christ's obedience produced righteousness.

In Adam there is an active working of sin. In Christ there is the active working of righteousness. Saved to be transformed.

V. 20-21 Contrast the law and grace.

The law increased sin.

Grace increases righteousness.

I Cor. 15:10, grace, grace, grace.