

Crossroads Baptist Church  
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Romans 5: 12-21  
Romans #30

## “No Salvation Without Representation”

The rally cry in the 18<sup>th</sup> century was “no taxation without representation.” That phrase was actually coined by Rev. Jonathan Mayhew in a sermon at the Old West Church, Boston.

Representation means “to act or stand in the place of.” Our political structure in this great nation is built on representation. We elect people to “to act or stand in the place of us” in the House of Representatives.

The same is true spiritually. Let’s look at two men who represent all of humanity.

### **I. Our sin and death are the results of our first representative – Adam 5: 12-14**

#### A. One man sinned

4 times it says Adam offended God (5:15, 17, 18, 20). The word “offended” is better translated “trespassed,” and this trespassing came about by disobedience and transgression. This does not mean that Adam was the first sinner, Eve was. But Adam was not deceived; he knew well what he was doing. I Timothy 2:14

#### B. Death comes by Sin.

Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death.”

#### C. All who are born of Adam are sinners and die.

Is a man a murderer because he goes out and kills, or does he kill because he is a murderer? Does a man become a liar because he goes out and lies, or does he lie because he is a liar?

Psalm 51:5 “I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Psalm 58:3 “The wicked are estranged from the womb, they go astray as soon as they are born.”

Job 14:4 “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!”

Job 15:14 “And he who is born of a woman, that he could be righteous?”

Genesis 5 – “and he died.”

One doesn’t die just because he broke the ten commandments. What was the cause of death? Adam. Babies die, not because of their personal sin and disobedience, but because their father is Adam.

### **II. Our righteousness and life are the results of our second representative – Jesus 5:15-21**

God sent a second representative to justify sinners. The first Adam chose sin unto death; the second Adam chose obedience unto life.

1. This is why the virgin birth is such an important doctrine.

Adam was the representative of man, not Eve; and thus death was not “passed” unto Christ because he did not have an earthly father.

2. This is why the life of Christ had to be sinless.

Adam’s disobedience brought death; Jesus’ obedience brings the opportunity of life.

3. This is why His death is considered vicarious.

Romans 5:8 “Christ died for us.”

I Peter 3:18 “For Christ suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God....”

#### **The First Adam**

1. Made of the earth. I Cor. 15:47
2. He was a historical figure in time and space and had a mind, body and spirit just like us.
3. King of the old creation. Gen. 1:26-28
4. Tested in a perfect garden and failed
5. Brought sin, death and condemnation
6. Death reigned Romans 5:14, 17
7. Many are made sinners. Romans 5:19
8. We are “in Adam” through physical birth.

#### **The Second Adam**

1. Jesus came from heaven I Cor. 15:47
2. He was a historical figure in time and space and had a mind, body and spirit just

like us.

3. He is Lord of the New Creation II Cor. 5:17
4. He was tested in the wilderness and succeeded
5. Brought righteousness, life and justification
6. Believers reign (Romans 5:17), grace reigns (5:21)
7. Believers are made righteous Romans 5:19
8. We are “in Christ” through spiritual birth.

Now here is the point:

The judicial consequences of Adam’s sin are experienced by all his people not on the basis of their individually doing sins like he did, but on the basis of their being in him and his sin being imputed to them.

Thus, the judicial consequences of Christ’s righteousness are experienced by all his people not on the basis of their doing righteous deeds like he did, but on the basis of their being in him and his righteousness being imputed to them.

The reason death reigns over us is not because of our individual sins, but Adam’s sin. Thus, the reason life reigns over us is not our individual deeds of righteousness, but because of Christ’s deed of righteousness.

The Old Testament begins with the creation of a man called Adam, is the book of the generation of Adam and it ends with a curse. Malachi 4:6

The New Testament begins with the birth of Jesus, is the book of the generation of Jesus and it ends with the curse being removed. Revelation 22:3

It’s all because of Jesus Christ!!