

**Rom. 5:12-21**

**THE TWO MEN (ADAMS) (Pt. 1)**

# MECHANICS OF RECONCILIATION

- 1. Now that we have the Love of God and Faith Righteousness logic firmly in hand, we are ready to look at another aspect of our being reconciled to God: It's PERMANENT.**
- 2. Believers who receive the reconciliation to God that Christ produced at the Cross have a PERMANENT AT-ONE-MENT with God. (Rom. 5:11)**
- 3. How can this reconciliation to God be so permanent that nothing can take it away or diminish it (Rom. 5:3-4; 8:28-39)?**
- 4. It is not enough to have the “sins” we have committed forgiven—as great as that is! (Rom. 1-5:11)**
- 5. We must also be freed from the power of “Sin” that enslaves us to death! (Rom. 5:13-14, 20)**

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- 6. How do we know this? Because for 2500 years—from Adam to Moses—humanity didn't live under a law or a Law System that turned their sins into transgressions that could be punished by death yet they died anyway. (5:13-14; Rom. 4:15)**
- 7. Therefore, they didn't die because of the sins they committed but because they were under Sin brought in by the sin/transgression Adam committed.**
- 8. But the good news is that what Christ accomplished by His one act of obedience (on the Cross), more than offsets what Adam's one act of disobedience brought onto humanity. (5:15-17)**
- 9. The key to this passage is the word "one." (Rom. 5:12-19)**
  - a. This indicates a representative or federal headship concept.**
  - b. The "one" whose work accomplishes something for "many" or "all"—all those associated with him.**

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- 10. Through one man's (Adam's) transgression and disobedience all associated with him were brought into sin and death.**
- 11. Through one man's (Christ, the Last Adam) obedience all those associated with Him are brought into Righteousness and Life.**
- 12. God now only recognizes 2 distinct human groups—those in Adam and those in Christ.**
- 13. Through the first Adam sin entered the world and death followed in its train, infecting all people and demonstrating that all sinned in that first Adam.**

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- 14. The act of the one affecting the many is a common occurrence:**
  - a. Coronavirus entered through one person to the USA, infecting the whole West Coast, demonstrating that all lack immunity.**
  - b. My Great Great Grandfather, Von Volcker, lived in Germany. When he came to the US he brought all his progeny with him, even though they had not been born yet.**
  - c. Melchisedec/Abraham/Levi—Heb. 7:9-10**
  
- 15. When Adam entered the land of sin, he took all his progeny with him, placing them under the reign of death. This was not because of their transgressions in breaking a law that brought death upon them. This was because they sinned in Adam (Rom. 5:12-13; Rom. 4:14-15; Gen. 2:17; Gen. 5).**

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