

Do you feel that Adam being our representative was fair? Explain.

As you look at your own life, in what ways can you see that Adam was a good and fair representative for you?

If you don't like the idea of Adam being your representative, what do you think of Jesus being your representative?

How can you apply this week's text practically in your life today?

How can we pray for one another this week?

Notable Quotes

Jesus Christ broke the power of sin and death, but the converse is not true. Sin and death cannot break the power of Jesus Christ. The condemnation of Adam's sin is reversible, the redemption of Jesus Christ is not. The effect of Adam's act is permanent only if not nullified by Christ. The effect of Christ's act, however, is permanent for believing individuals and not subject to reversal or nullification. We have the great assurance that once we are in Jesus Christ, we are in Him forever.

John MacArthur

No one could choose a representative for you as well as God could. We must not think we could have made a more intelligent selection than God! ...God did not simply choose Adam, He created Adam to be our representative. He was perfectly created and designed to act exactly as you, personally, as an individual, would have acted in the same situation. You cannot say, "I would have done a better job," because that would be to claim that you could have been a better representative than God created, or chosen a better representative than God chose. No ... we are guilty in Adam because we actually sinned in him.

Timothy Keller



Message #34: *Received the Reconciliation*

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Sermon *Notes*

1. Where Does Sin Come From?

2. Why Do I Sin?

3. What Happens When I Sin?

4. What Is the Only Remedy for My Sin?

Was there anything in Sunday's sermon that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Paul begins a comparison in *Romans 5:12* saying, *Just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned*— Where does he finish this thought?

Who is the *one man* of *Romans 5:12*?

Who is the *Him who was to come* of *Romans 5:14*?

How did Adam's actions affect the whole human race (*Romans 5:12*)?

If Eve was the first one to eat of the forbidden fruit (*Genesis 3:6*), why did sin enter through Adam (*Romans 5:12*)?

Is the doctrine of our identification with Adam in his original sin unfair? Why or why not?

Why is this doctrine important?

Do you think you would have done better than Adam in Eden? Why or why not?

How is it different to say, *I sometimes commit sins*, from saying, *I am a sinner* (*Romans 5:12*)?

In what ways do I feel the pain of a world under death (*Romans 5:13-14*)?

What does Paul mean in *Romans 5:13*?

Was there sin before God gave the Law through Moses?

What does the phrase, *those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam*, mean (*Romans 5:14*)?

If *sin is not imputed when there is no law* (*Romans 5:13*), how could *death reign from Adam until Moses* (*Romans 5:14*) since the law had not yet been given?

In *Romans 5:14 & 17* we are told that *death reigned*. What does this mean (see also *Ephesians 2:1-3*)?

How would you sum up *Romans 5:12-14* in one sentence?

How would you explain the concept of *federal headship* as it relates to Adam and to you?