LIFE 425 church

ROMANS: THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

Romans Week 10 Sermon Notes

In Adam or in Christ

Romans 5:12–21

Big idea: Through Adam came sin, condemnation, and death. Through Jesus Christ come grace, righteousness, and eternal life for those who receive Him.

1. In Adam, we share a broken human condition

Romans 5:12–14 - Adam's disobedience brought sin and death into the human story. We also contribute our own sin. Our need goes deeper than improving our behavior; we need a Savior.

2. Christ's gift is greater than Adam's trespass

Romans 5:15–17 - Sin brought condemnation, but God's grace overflows through Jesus. We do not earn a right standing with God. We **receive** the gift of righteousness through faith in Christ.

3. Jesus' obedience changes our standing

Romans 5:18–19 - Adam represents fallen humanity. Jesus brings righteousness and life to those who belong to Him. His obedience and sacrifice accomplish what our efforts never could. Our past does not overturn the standing He gives us.

4. Grace has the final word for those in Christ

Romans 5:20–21 - God's law reveals our sin; Jesus provides the rescue. Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more. Grace calls us to turn from sin and live in the life Christ gives.

A question to consider: Am I trusting my own efforts, or am I trusting Jesus to make me right with God?

This week: When temptation comes, ask Jesus for help and take the next obedient step. When shame comes, confess what needs confessing and remember that your acceptance rests in Him. When fear comes, remember the eternal life He promises.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for doing what I could not do for myself. Help me receive Your grace, trust Your righteousness, and live as someone who belongs to You. Amen.