

# Cornerstone Bible Church

## **THE MATCH OF THE AGES**

(Romans 5:12-21)

Survey of Romans part 17

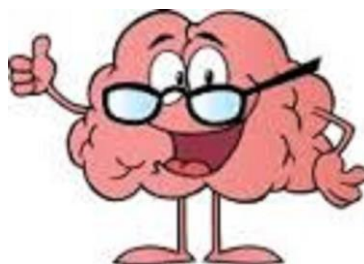
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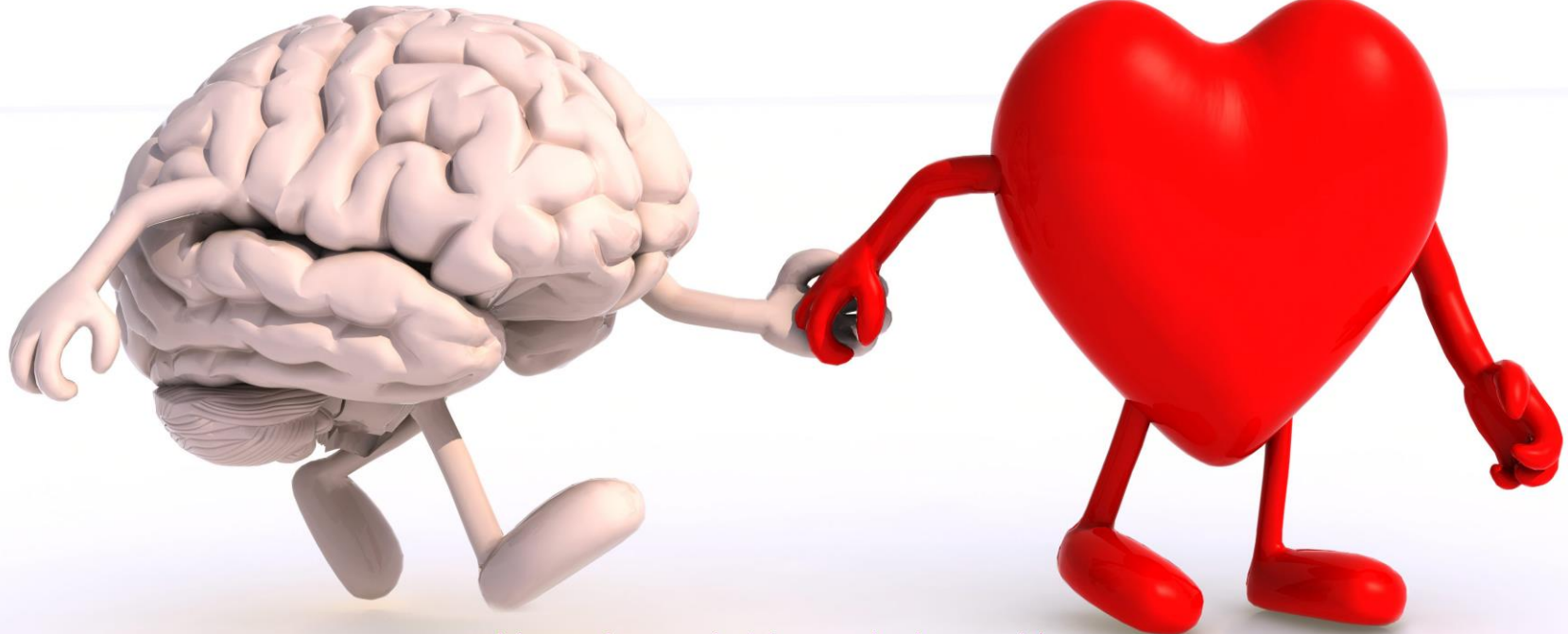
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Head and Heart together

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I will walk before the Lord in the  
land of the living Psalm 116:9

“Jesus paid it all, all to  
Him I owe”

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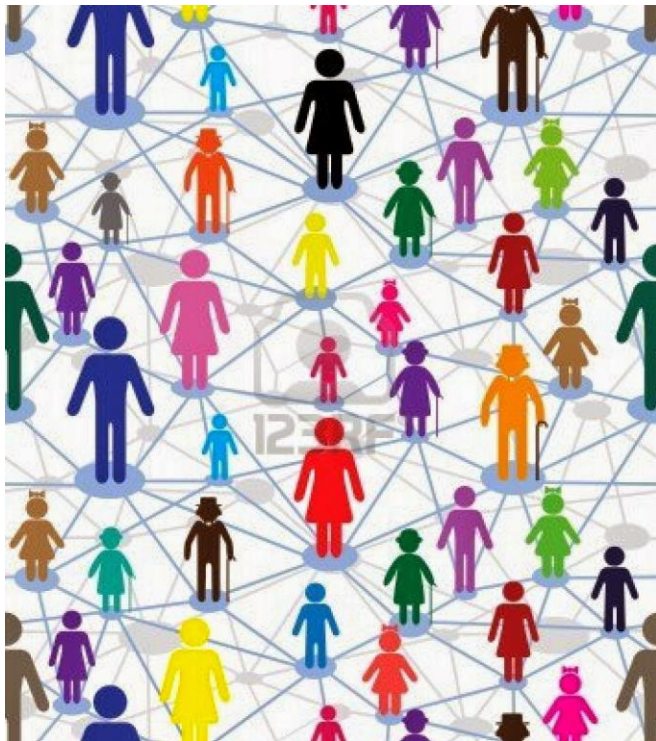
Another wire to make the connection of heart and brain

- Understanding representative theology
- It seems inherent to our nature to compare icons.
  - Lebron or Jordan?
  - Verlander or Keershaw?
  - Roosevelt or Lincoln?
  - Star Wars or Star Trek?
  - Batman or Superman?
  - Mac or Windows?
- Our Survey in Romans brings us to the greatest FACE-OFF that impacts human history and eternity

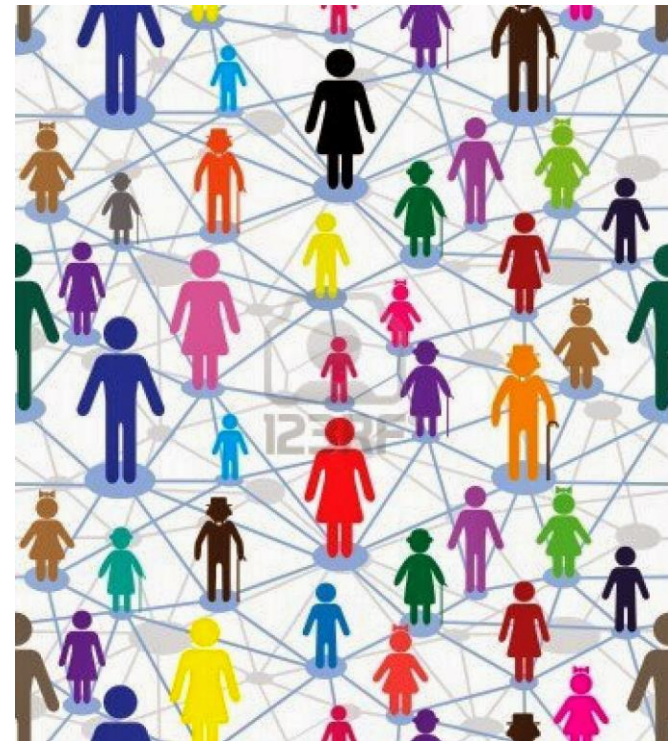
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### The Match of the Ages

#### ADAM



#### JESUS



“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.”

1 Corinthians 15:22

## **The Text: Romans 5:12-21**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup>for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

## **The Text: Romans 5:12-21**

<sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

<sup>17</sup>For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

## **The Text: Romans 5:12-21**

<sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup>And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

<sup>21</sup>that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”



## I - ADAM'S LEGACY: ORIGINAL SIN

### a) The imputation of sin (guilt charge) was made to all.

- Sin entered the world through Adam.
- Along with sin also death entered the world through Adam.
- All sinned (when?)
- The verb action already took place (aorist indicative)
- ALL, sinned **in Adam**.
- This is called ORIGINAL SIN.

### b) The condemnation of sin

- Death is the punishment for sin.
- It passed to all because ALL already sinned.
- The verb tenses are not present or future.
  - e.g. “death will be passed to all men” because “all men sin”.
- The imputation of sin and the sentence, happened **in Adam**.

## II – THE EVIDENCE OF ORIGINAL SIN (verses 13-14)

### a) The imputation of sin requires a law to be transgressed.

=> Home invasion vs. Dinner invitation.

=> Car stolen vs. Car loaner

- How do we know man is born with Adam's Original sin?

### b) Death reigned from Adam until Moses.

- Even people who did not sin like Adam – i.e. trespassing a commandment as he did – still died, even before the Law.

### c) Adam was a type

- “**Tupos**” – an image, a small scale model, a pattern.
- From this Paul builds the face-off between Jesus and Adam.
- Adam was a type of the one to come (Jesus), but how?
- What Adam did, was accounted to those he represented.

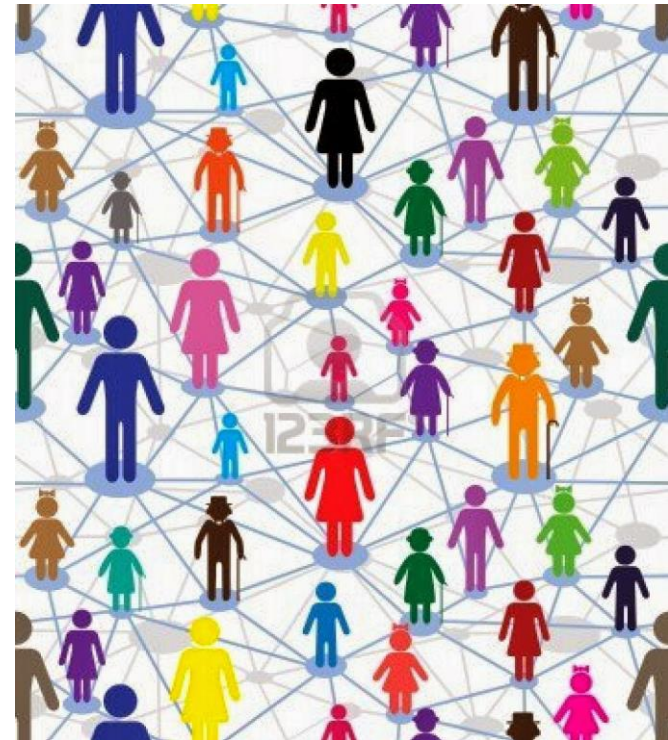
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### III – THE FACE-OFF / CONTRASTING PARALLELISM

**15** “But the free gift is not like the transgression

#### **TRANSGRESSION → ADAM**

for if by the transgression of the one the many died ...

A: Adam’s transgression brought God’s Justice to his posterity

#### **FREE GIFT → JESUS**

... much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.”

C: Jesus’ Gift brought God’s Abounding Grace.

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**16**And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; **for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation...**

Paul establishes proportions:

A: **One sin** brought a terrible judgment: death to all men

A: **Adam’s one sin** resulted in the condemnation of his posterity

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Paul establishes proportions:

C: **Jesus’ free gift** brought Justification to many

C: **Jesus’ work** covered countless transgressions of His posterity

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**17**For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one...

A: Death reigned because of Adam’s one transgression

**18**So then as through one transgression there resulted **condemnation to all men**,

A: One transgression resulted in condemnation to all men

#### **FREE GIFT → JESUS**

**17**....much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

C: Life reigns for those who receive the gift of righteousness in Jesus.

**18**... even so through one act of righteousness there resulted **justification of life to all men**.

C: One act of righteousness (Jesus’ entire life of obedience), resulted in justification of life to all men.

**Implied:** those who believe.

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**19**For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners.

A: Adam's disobedience caused many to be made sinners

**20**And the Law came in that the transgression might increase

A: The Law defines transgressions, because of it, sin increased.

→ Ex: Speed Limit 55

#### **FREE GIFT → JESUS**

**19**... even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

C: Jesus' obedience will cause the many to be made righteous.

**20**... but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

C: This only became a catalytic to increase grace even more.

→ God's plan was to forgive, Grace had to be increased even more.

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<sup>21</sup>that, as sin reigned in death

A: Sin reigned in death because of Adam.

#### FREE GIFT → JESUS

<sup>21</sup>... even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Grace will reign to eternal life, because of Christ.

The Face-Off is between Jesus and Adam, **the new wire to connect brain and heart in understanding assurance and the gospel is representation.** Our justification does not rest with us, but in Jesus.



**CONCLUSION:** Isn't that unfair?

**a) Adam was the “perfect” specimen representing humanity**

- He was created sinless -> Ecclesiastes 7:29
- He was created FREE
- -> Adam had the ability to choose obedience (without any internal aid or pre-programming)
- -> Adam had the ability to choose disobedience (without any external compulsion or temptation).
- He was placed in a perfect environment.

➔ IF LEBRON COULDN'T DUNK IT, NEITHER WOULD US

➔ IF ADAM BLEW IT, SO WOULD US.

**CONCLUSION:** Isn't that unfair?

**b) How can God accuse people of sin without Law?**

1. Adam proves that mankind without grace, is fallible
2. Why did God create man fallible? Isn't that cruel?
3. Yes, it is "cruel" to His Son.
4. Adam's fall displays God's Glory in a unique way in the Gospel

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**END**