

# RESCUE

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**“THE GIFT IS MORE POWERFUL  
THAN THE CURSE”  
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**Romans 5:15-21**

**Adam:** one man, one act, HUGE IMPACT on the entire human race

**Jesus:** one man, one act, HUGE IMPACT on the entire human race

**St. Paul makes a contrast between the two most important men in human history.**

**“In” Adam** (as a result of his “TRESPASS” and “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”):

- v. 15 – many died
- v. 16 – judgment and condemnation
- v. 17 – death reigned
- v. 18 – condemnation
- v. 19 – rooted in disobedience

**“In” Jesus** (as a result of His “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”):

- v. 15 – many receive the gift of grace (“THE GIFT” = GRACE)
- v. 16 – justification
- v. 17 – life reigns
- v. 18 – justification
- v. 19 – rooted in obedience

**1 Corinthians 15:22**

**ROMANS 4.5**

## What is it like to be “in Adam”?

**In Adam, death and sin \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17, v. 21).**

**When sin REIGNS, because a person is still “in Adam”:**

- They won't \_\_\_\_\_ when they are wrong.
- They won't \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- They won't forgive \_\_\_\_\_.
- They repeat patterns of \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

**Romans 6:20-21**

## What is it like to be “in Christ”?

**Where grace REIGNS, because a person is “in Christ”:**

- They learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
- They have the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- They learn to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
- They learn to develop \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

**And God's gift of grace is MORE POWERFUL than the curse of sin:**

- v. 15 – “much MORE”....“grace abounded”
- v. 17 – “much MORE”....“abundance of grace”
- v. 20 – “grace abounded MORE”

## How does someone get “in Christ”?

- All of us were physically and spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ “in Adam,” where sin and death REIGN.
- We need to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (born again) into Christ, where grace and life REIGN (v. 17 – “those who receive”).

## TWO APPLICATION POINTS:

1. If you are “in Christ,” don't live as if you are still “in Adam.”  
Don't live as if the curse is more powerful than the gift!
2. If you are “in Adam,” turn from your sin and receive God's grace.

## FOR REFLECTION:

Are there areas of my life where I am living as if I am “in Adam?”  
Am I being defeated when I should win?  
Where do I need to remember that the GIFT IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE CURSE?

**ROMANS 4.5**