

Romans Chapter 5 -continued Tony Hewson

What we learned last week in verses 1 to 14

Paul describes how we are actually saved and discusses the principle of 'federal headship' All of humanity not only descended from Adam but were in him and identified with him in his actions at the beginning. He is the federal head of the race when he sinned the whole human race sinned which is why all of humanity dies. Adams actions were ours so his punishment is ours.

In like manner Christ is the federal head of the new race. What he did everyone 'in Christ' did. When he lived a life of perfect righteousness, we lived a life of perfect righteousness. When he suffered the punishment of sin on the cross we suffered because we were in him. When he was raised from the dead and death had no more claim on him we rose.

Verses 15 to 21 Paul now contrasts Adam and Christ

Adams one offence brought death to his whole race

Christ by his actions has brought life to his whole race

Adam by his actions brought condemnation – his whole race became guilty

Christ by his actions brought justification – his whole race are declared righteous.

Unlike the death that Adam brought – Christ brings life to his people

By Adam's action many were made sinners

By Christ's actions many were made righteous.

The (Jewish) law came in to expose sin in all of its magnitude.

This exposure of human sin magnified the wonder of God's grace.

So that as sin has ruled over all producing death.

So God's grace reigns, bringing righteousness and eternal life through what Christ or Lord has done.

Romans Chapter 6

Paul now asks the question. If we are not saved by our works and our sin actually shows in a greater way the grace of God, should we not just keep sinning to show even more of God's kindness.

He answers this in the rest of the chapter by describing two slaves and two slave masters

Verses 1 to 11

We were once the slaves of Sin (albeit willingly) and Paul has described the consequences of that.

Nothing we could do could set us free from our old master Sin

Gods answer was to put us to death. A man who is dead is freed from slavery.

Sin can no longer order a man to obey it if he is dead.

That is what happened on the cross.

That is what baptism symbolizes

In God's eyes the old me is dead and buried.

God did not reform Adam's race – he wiped them out.

Verses 12 to 23

The believer is now a new person – WITH A NEW MASTER

Our old master SIN no longer has any authority over us.

He will attempt to order us around but we are no longer under his dominion.

We have the freedom and the ability to obey our NEW MASTER – CHRIST

That is why we must not continue in sin – to do so is to acknowledge the Lordship of our old master, to confess that we still belong to him.

What did our old master bring us – DEATH

If you are new or visiting; *a special warm welcome to you.* We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Today we will be having communion. If it is your practice to participate in this we welcome you to join with us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. If this is not your custom or if you are unsure of what to do please just pass the emblems (bread and wine) to the person next to you.

This Morning

Speaker Tony Hewson

This Evening

• JCF 5.00pm

Coming Up

26th April. John DeJong

Thursday Kidz Club

6:30 - 8:00 pm

7 - 12 year olds

Ph: Allan Maguire - 4767197

Planning Meeting - April 6th. Please see the elders if you wish to have an agenda item added.

Coming Up

Combined Dunedin Churches

Resurrection service will be held on the 19th April. A prayer meeting for this event will be held on Thursday 19th April at 8.00pm at St Matthews (Hop Street) and walk to Unity Park (Eglington Road) 9.30pm, and the through the night at St Matthews from 11.00pm to 8.00am Good Friday. Following the Lord Jesus, (Luke 6:12) you are invited to join in prayer. Come for one hour or the whole night. Coffee will be provided.

Contact brucee@dcbc.co.nz for further information.

Graeme & Rachel, Philippines, would like prayer for Graeme as he prepares a lecture series with very limited time. Kemp Pallesen stayed with them last week and gave very necessary help to the translation team. Only he and his wife Anne can really give necessary help as no one else speaks their language. Please pray that the Pallesens will be able to make occasional visits until another linguist has mastered this language.

