



EPISODE TITLE: "Jesus, The New Adam"

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In addition, Dr. Johnson has published a number of articles on the New Testament related to families and family values.

Questions:

1. What stood out for you from Romans 5:12-21? What do you think Paul was trying to say to the Romans about the Genesis stories?
2. If we are justified and at peace with God, why do we need rules and laws?
3. How does Paul's worldview and historical context change our interpretation of his message?
4. How do you interpret the statement that Paul's view of the human predicament is that we require both a hospital and prison? How does Jesus change that predicament?
5. What does it mean if God's grace wins in the end?

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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