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Sin and death came into the world because of Adam's transgression, but Adam "is the figure [or type] of him that was to come." Just as everyone is in Adam and bears the guilt of their forefather, Jesus came as a different representative for humanity. Those who have put their faith in Jesus are now no longer in Adam; they are instead in Christ. In Adam all die, but through Christ all can be made alive.

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Being in Christ makes we go from a condemned status before God to having life and having it more abundantly. Once again, Paul teaches that God added the law, not so that people could be righteous before God, but so that sin could be seen to be sin. The law is like a light that God shines on our sin, but rather than give up their sin, sinners responded to the law by becoming even more sinful. But the more and more ugly and gruesome sin became, the more God's grace was seen. Sin might abound, grace abounds more.

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