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## The Wages Of Sin Versus The Wages Of Righteousness

ROMANS 5:12, 6:23

Wages = A Stipend, Payment

Sin = Transgression, Failure, Disobedience, wrong

Righteousness = Success, Obedience, Right & Faith

In this part of his Epistle to the Romans, Paul has compared Adam with Christ and revealed how they are similar since the wages of their action relates to the whole world and how they are different since the wages of one is death while the wages of the other is life.

The action of Adam is called **sin** because it trespassed the will of God while the action of Christ is called **righteousness** because it was faithful obedience to the will of God.

In Adam's transaction of sin we see death pass upon the world through birth from a corrupt seed. But in Christ's transaction of righteousness we see life pass upon the world through birth from incorruptible seed.

This helps us to better understand what Jesus meant when He said that one must be born again from above in order to pass from Death to Life.

The Sin of Adam had brought it's wage of Death upon the world and now Christ, The Second Adam comes with the same life that Adam lost which he will give in obedience to ransom the world from Adam's sin.

The world abode in Death because of the wage of Adam's sin. Now the world may abide in life because of the wage of Christ's righteousness.

In Romans 6:23 Paul concludes that the wages of sin is Death through Adam but the wages of righteousness is Eternal Life through Christ which is now The Gift of God to anyone with Faith

Please notice that Paul has made it clear that one does not have to sin like Adam in order to abide in Adam and His death neither does one have to be righteous like Christ in order to abide in Christ and Eternal Life.

Death is the wage of Adam's sin upon the world and is Adam's natural gift to those in him through his

corrupt seed but Life is the wage of Christ's righteousness upon the world and is God's spiritual gift to those in Christ through incorruptible seed.

There is a GIFT OF DEATH given to all in Adam, and there is a GIFT OF LIFE given to all in Christ.

Death came by one man and now life has come by one man. Since all died by one then all live by one. (II Cor. 5:14) (I Cor.15:21), Just as all received Death as a natural born gift from Adam even so all may receive Life as a spiritual born gift from God.

It is important to understand that the actions of man whether they are sin or whether his actions are righteousness have nothing to do with him abiding in Death from Adam's sin or abiding in Life from Christ's righteousness. This Death and this Life are both wages, which are received at birth, and are not the same as wages received from behavior. These Adamic wages of Death and Life relate to the Sin and righteousness of the Two Adams, they do not relate to the Sin and righteousness of fallen man.

A fallen man in Adam abides in the wages of Adam's sin which is not the wages of his own sins and a Christian man in Christ abides in the wages of Christ's **righteousness**, *which* is not the wages of his own righteousness.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done but through regeneration by the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5), a fallen man in Adam may do wrong or do right and still be in Death from Adam's Sin and a regenerated Christian in Christ may do wrong or do right and still be in Life from Christ's righteousness.

A man in Death cannot commit an act of righteousness and lose his Death in Adam anymore than a man in Life can commit an act of sin and lose his life in Christ. Our sin and our righteousness have wages in our lives in This Life, but the **sin** and **righteousness** of the Two Adams have wages, which are Life. One is Death Life and the other is Eternal Life.

We should not think of our sin when we think of the wage of Adam's sin because then we will think of our sin or our righteousness when we think of Eternal Life which is the wage of Christ's righteousness and the Gift of God. It is not by our sin or our righteousness that we have Death in Adam neither is it by our sin or our righteousness that we have Life in Christ.

God was in Christ at the cross to (judge) destroy Satan by the power of Life to swallow up Death in order to deliver those in bondage to death by abolishing The Death (Heb. 2:14-15) (2 Cor. 5:4) (2 Tim. 1:10). God was not imputing man's sins to Christ; rather man's

death was imputed to The Savior because He is saving the world from Adam's Sin.

It was Adam's **sin** (not ours) that separated mankind (the world) from divine life and union with God and it was Christ's **righteousness** (not ours) that laid down His Divine Life as a ransom to rescue and reconcile (unite) the world to God. (II Cor. 5:19)

God was dealing with our death at the Cross-, not our sin. We are still accountable to God for our sins because Christ was not paying a wage on our sin but on Adam's sin.

God was dealing with and accounting for our Death at the Cross-when Christ died, He was not reckoning, imputing or judging our sins when Christ died.

Our sins do not carry the same wage as Adam's **sin** and neither does our righteousness carry the same wage as Christ's **righteousness**. Our sins may be forgiven, remitted, pardoned, canceled or their wage may be paid. If our sins are forgiven then they are pardoned by God. If our sins are paid then they are paid by us.

God did not send Jesus to pay the wage on the sins of the world, but Jesus did pay the wage of the sin of His people while paying the wage of Sin for the world because it was their sin, which wounded Him and killed Him bearing their Sins in His own body on the tree. Jesus died for the Sin of the world but He died because of the sins of His people (Matt. 1:21).

The sin of the world (Jn 1:29) is that which entered the world through Adam's disobedience (Rom. 5:12). The Sin of Israel is that which entered the covenant through Israel's disobedience (unbelief).

The entire world of fallen mortals, are heirs to the death of Adam's sin. Only the fallen nation was heir to the sin of Israel, which had brought death to the national covenant.

If we are to see Jesus as the Savior of the world we must discern between The Seed of The Woman and The Seed of David because the world fell in Adam long before the nation fell in David.

The fall of the world came by one man Adam while the fall of the nation came by one nation, Israel.

When man fell from Life in God's Kingdom to Death in Satan's Kingdom, God immediately promised a seed to save the world (Gen. 3:15). This is the Seed by which the Word was made flesh (John 1:14) and the Seed of Promise by which God would save the world (Gen. 12:3) (Gal. 3:16) (Rom. 4:13) and The Seed of Abram by which His children of Faith (not flesh) would be heirs.

The wage of Adam's Sin passed upon the world through Adam's seed but The Seed of The Woman does not transmit this; therefore death passed upon the world of mankind from Adam's corrupt Seed until Jesus was born of The Seed of the Woman by the incorrupt seed of the Word of God.

This Virgin Birth makes Jesus without Sin and Death like others, and with life like Adam possessed originally when Adam was without Sin and Death.

With such original Life Jesus can save the fallen world from original sin by the sacrifice of Himself as a kinsman redeemer paying the wage of Death with His life. This is how Paul explains that Jesus is the Second man Adam and therefore The Savior of the World.

Before Paul had such Revelation Jesus was proclaimed only to the Nation Israel as The Seed of David to save the nation. Paul preached Christ crucified as The Gospel both to the fallen nation and to the fallen world.

The death of Christ where the wage of sin was paid was not the Good News of The Gospel preached to the circumcision because the death of a Messiah can only be bad news.

The death of Jesus on the Cross-where Satan fell and Death was abolished and the wage of sin fully paid could not possibly be Good News to the fallen nation unless they became heirs through uncircumcision and identified with the world.

Jesus as The Christ was The Messiah to His people Israel and must reign as King, but Jesus as the Savior of the World was the Lamb of God and must die.

Jesus The Christ was a Prophet like Moses and a King like David, coming to restore a kingdom like Israel and a Covenant like Moses, therefore the Messianic hope rests in the reign of the Messiah. If Messiah dies so does all hope.

The Sin of Adam caused the world to need a Savior to restore Life and The Sin of Israel caused the Nation to need a Messiah to restore the nation.

The Messiah came and preached the Messianic Gospel raising Messianic hope for those who believed and warning those who did not believe that if they did not repent and believe that they would die in their sins, which had caused the nation to fall.

The sin of the nation had caused a breach in the covenant because the sin was adultery of the covenant. This sin which separates the circumcision from the covenant of circumcision will also keep one from the new covenant of uncircumcision; therefore this sin can keep one from the covenant of Life, leaving him in a

covenant of death. This is the sin, which rejected and wounded the Messiah numbering Him with the transgressors.

This is not the Sin of the World which wage was paid when Christ died, but the sin of His people whose wage was paid when they died in their sins in 70 A.D.

Jesus only paid the wage on Adam's **sin**. All other wages must be paid by the one who sinned or else be forgiven by God; which God does when faith confesses the sin. But death is paid with life, which Jesus gave..., that man might be redeemed when faith confesses Christ.

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