Romans 5:12-21

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For 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. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A "Compare and Contrast" essay...

	One man (v12)	One man (v15)
Two men	A type of (v14) – "representative	The one who was to come (v14) –
	head"	"representative head"
	Adam (v14)	Jesus Christ (v15)
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Their life	Sin/sin came into the world (v12),	Free gift, grace of God (v15)
	transgression (v14)	
and actions	Trespass (v15 & v18)	Free gift (v15), act of
		righteousness (v18)

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	Death came into the world through sin (v12a)	Justification and Life (v18)
	Death <u>spread</u> to all men because all sinned (v12b)	Life for all men (v18)
	Death reigned (v14, 17)	Recipients of grace reign (v17) & grace reigns (v21)
	Many died (v15)	Much more have the grace and the free gift abounded for many (v15)
	Result of sin (v16)	Free gift not like that result (v16)
Results of each man's action	Judgment following one trespass brought condemnation (v16)	Free gift following many trespasses brought justification (v16)
	Death reigned through that one man/Adam (v17)	Much more will believers reign in life through this one man/Jesus Christ (v17)
	One trespass led to condemnation (and death (implied)) (v18)	One act of righteousness leads to justification and life (v18)
	Many were made sinners (v19)	Many made righteous (v19)
	Sin increases (v20)	Grace abounded all the more (v20)
	Sin reigned in death (v21)	Grace reigns through righteousness leading to eternal life.

Romans 5:21

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