1. Both physical and spiritual death came into the world because Adam sinned. Death then spread to all people because all people shared in the sin of Adam as their representative.
2. Adam’s sin was also different because he was a type of the one, Jesus Christ, who would come later. Both Adam and Jesus would act as representatives of those who would follow after them. Because of this, Jesus is known as the Second Adam.
3. Many have died physically and spiritually in Adam because of his actions, but “much more” have many received the abounding grace of Jesus Christ as a free gift in Him.
4. The free gift in Jesus is different from the death brought in Adam. Adam’s sin brought judgment and condemnation from just one sin committed. However, the free gift of salvation in Jesus brought righteousness and justification after a great number of sins by those who were in Adam.
5. Adam’s sin resulted in the reign of sin for all of those who are in him, but “much more” those who are in Jesus Christ will receive grace and righteousness resulting in physical and spiritual life.
6. So because of Adam’s disobedience many were made sinners in him, so in Jesus Christ’s obedience many will be made righteous in Him.

Application

1. Acknowledge that we are not just sinners because we sin, but that we sin because we are sinners. Because of Adam’s work on our behalf, sin is now part of our very nature. The only hope lies in the redeeming work of Christ on our behalf, so repent and trust in Him.
2. Rejoice that Jesus Christ has come to represent all who would trust in Him and that He offers the “free gift” of eternal life to all who would worship and cherish Him as their treasure.
3. Look around us at the people surround us day in and day out and see their fallen spiritual condition. Understand that their only hope of freedom from physical and spiritual death is in Jesus Christ. Point them to Him! Tell them about Jesus!