

What Planet are you on?

- What on earth is this about?!
 - some reassurance that we are not alone in that thought!!
 - Stott: "all students of 12-21 have found it extremely condensed!"

Adam and Christ are introduced (12-14)

- *"Therefore"* (v.12) - *what's it there for?*
 - (1) in vs.9-10, Paul has attributed our reconciliation with God to the death of God's Son - but *how can one person's sacrifice bring such blessings to so many?*
 - (2) note how both 1-11 and 12-21 conclude with *"through our Lord Jesus Christ"*.
- What he is doing is trying to describe, unpack, explore the two contrasting communities (*the saved and the unsaved, the in Christ and the not in Christ, the heights of depravity and the depths of divine mercy...*) in a way that brings fresh glory to Christ as we understand more fully
 - by going for the *"family likeness"* line - the *Adam* and *Christ*
- So in 12-14 Adam and Christ are introduced as "heads" of their respective communities:

Adam and Christ are contrasted (15-17)

- The two communities, the two lives, the consequences of those two different lives are contrasted:
 - one leads to death, the other to life
 - one involves trespass, offence, disobedience; the other involves grace
 - one involves consequence, the other gift
- Jesus broke into a family likeness, and formed in us a new family resemblance
 - it is not merely determined by our genes

Adam and Christ are compared (18-21)

- Paul develops the comparison further

Excursus into evolution and the historicity of Adam!

- See Stott!

Conclusion

- Why is this here?
 - explanation of gospel, for fuller appreciation
 - and so for reassurance - we are saved, we do bear the family resemblance, Christ's work is sufficient for us
 - to ask of us the question - are we in Christ's family?