

Romans part 5

When Paul wrote Romans, he had not been to Rome. When he finally makes it to Rome, the church comes out to greet and see him and cheer him on. He is in chains being transferred from one prison to another.

Adam and Christ

Recap - Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:13-14 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

- We can see that the law of Moses did not introduce this condition of unrighteousness to people, because people died prior to the law.
- Death is the consequence of sin. So the fact that people died proves that sin existed prior to the law.
- And the law was not sufficient to stop death.
- People were not under the Mosaic law, but they were still under the law of sin and death.
 - What law did Jesus free us from? Well, both laws. But most importantly, the law of sin and death.

Biblical Definitions of dead and alive.

Dead = Separated | Alive = Connected.

- Die physically, separated from the physical.
- There is no ceasing to exist. Everything God makes is everlasting.
- Did Adam and Eve die when they ate? Yes. They were separated from God. Now God had to go look for them.
- When we die, we are separated from our physical bodies. If we are connected to God, Alive in Christ, we spend eternity with Him. If we

are dead to God, separated from Him, we spend eternity in a state of death – disconnected from God. That would be the lake of fire.

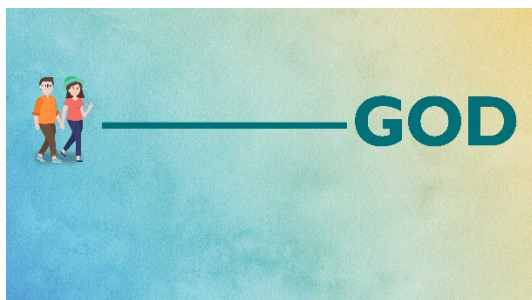
Romans 5:15-16 But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. ¹⁶ And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification.

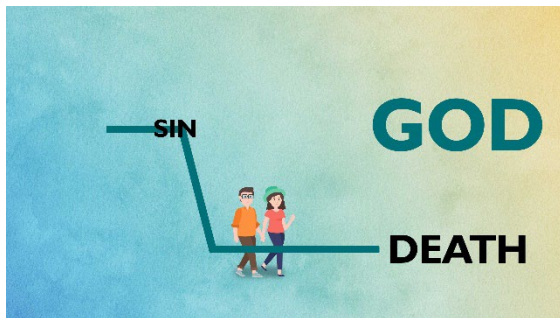
- Paul is contrasting the work of Adam and Jesus.
- Adam gave an offense, and it resulted in consequences for the entire human race – death. Separation from God.
- Jesus gave grace – which also had consequences for the entire human race – His gift results in justification (righteousness).
- Adam brings judgement.
- Jesus brings righteousness

Why does Adam's action automatically put us all under sin, But Jesus' action does not automatically make us righteous? (We have to put faith in Jesus).

- We are born into Adam. So we are of the line of Adam and all that goes with it.
- When we put faith in Jesus – we are transferred into the line of Christ, and all that goes with it.
- We are born into Adam. We must be born again (Reborn!) into the line of Christ. This is why we are called Sons and Daughters of God after being saved.

Diagrams





Romans 5:17-19 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

- Again, being in the line of Adam brings judgement, condemnation, and death. Being in the line of Christ brings righteousness and life.
- So was it horrible that Adam sinned?
- Yes and no. Obviously introducing death and sin was horrific. But if he had not, and sin was not an entity that was passed down from generation to generation, the Jesus would have had to die for each line where sin was introduced. Or perhaps even die for each and every individual person.
- But as it is, we are born into sin but we have the choice to choose Jesus, and we are made perfect – forever.
- If this was not the case and we were born perfect – then if we sinned once, we would forever be lost in our sin, and be separated from God for eternity. This is how it is with angels.

Romans 5:20-21 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin

reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- So Paul has been talking about sin entering prior to the Mosaic law.
- Now the law comes, and the awareness of sin is at an all-time high.
- The law cannot bring righteousness – Jesus does that.
- The law does not make us sinners – Adam did that.
- The law exists to teach us about sin. To show us and reveal to us our sin.
- Also, this would include moral law and consciences, as Paul discussed earlier in Chapter 2.
- But here is the really Good news! There is no sin that is greater than God's grace!
- We might expect that where sin abounds God's anger would abound. Or God's wrath would abound. Instead, God's grace abounds.
- Grace reigns through righteousness – God's grace is so superior to man's sin that it actually reigns over it.
- Nothing you have done or are able to do or even will do is bad enough, evil enough, to conquer God's grace!!!

That's Awesome! My sin is gone. I am righteous. And nothing I do is greater than God's grace. So really, I can just do whatever I want, right?

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- If sin brings the grace of God and grace is a good thing, then...
- No. Grace is great. Grace is awesome. But grace is good because we need it. Just like a life preserver is great when you need it, don't go drown yourself so you can get another life preserver thrown at you.

- Some pastors won't preach true grace because they believe it is a dangerous message.
- If you truly understand grace, sin becomes undesirable.
- God's grace is not free. It is free to us. But it cost God everything. To look at a gift like that and be dismissive of it is unfathomable.
- ALSO:
- We died to sin. When we sin, we are living out of a place where we died. Sin has no power over us. We have been set free.
- This is like being in prison. Getting expunged from all your crimes and set free with no record. Then choosing to stay in your prison cell and eat prison food.
- When we came to Christ we really did die. We died to sin. Then we were raised to new life – life in Christ. We are separated from sin, we are connected to Christ.
- If you really believe that then sin should actually be abhorrent to you.
- Before you were saved, sin could not be detestable to you. Maybe certain ones, but you were a sinner. You were under the power of sin. That is who you were. Saved, you are no longer that person. You walk, as Paul puts it here, in newness of life. You are connected to God.
- Grace, because it removes us from under the power of sin to under the power of Christ, is the force that enables us to live sin free.
- Is it possible to live sin free? Yes! Grace gives us that ability. We must yield to grace, be submissive to the life of Christ in us. But we can live that way.
- Baptized into Christ – Paul is not talking about getting baptized here. He is referring to us being completely submerged in Christ. We should be so filled with Jesus that there is no room for sin. Our eyes fixed on Him, not the world. Our hearts on His not on stuff. Our faith in Him, not in ourselves.

Romans 6:5-8 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has

died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

- We died with Christ. Our old man is dead. We are dead to sin. Yay!
- But don't stop there. If we participated in His death with Him, we also should participate in His resurrection.
- We are resurrected with Christ. And now we are alive to Him. We are connected to Him
 - That's why we are now temples of the Holy Spirit. God dwells in us. His life is in us.
- We can't just get saved and say we died with Him.
- We also rose with Him. His life is now in us to be lived through us.

Many Christians struggle with living out the Christian life. That's because we were never meant to live out the Christian life. The standards are too high.

- If we try to live like we are dead men walking, we are destined to fail.
- Sure our sins are forgiven, but now what?
- We weren't meant to live the Christian life. We were meant to allow the life of Christ to be lived through us. That is where success lies.
- In communion we focus on the blood bringing forgiveness. But we often overlook the power of His life in us.
- But Jesus called Himself the bread of life. Passover, Jesus was the lamb that not only gave His blood, but also His body for the journey.
- It is His life in us.

Romans 6:9-10 Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

- Now that Christ is in us, we die no more.
- Death has no more dominion over us.
- Is this true? Do we really never die? Yes. Who we are never dies.

- Spirit, Soul, Body. Separation and Connection. We never cease to exist. Saved = alive, connected to God. Unsaved = dead, disconnected from God.
- So we are separated from sin, connected to God, so it makes sense that Paul says this life we live we live to God.
 - **Galatians 2:20-21a** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God...

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to God.
- This is not a southern, well I reckon I'm dead...
- What does reckon mean?
 - An accounting term
 - To count or compute
 - To conclude
- Essentially to reckon means to align to an external source. We reconcile our financial ledger with a bank statement so that they come into agreement. That is how we know how much money we have.
- So reckon yourself (come into agreement with God – the source) that you are dead to sin. And more importantly that you are alive in Him.