

Session #17: “GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN”— *Romans 5:12-21*

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area),

Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - philtwente@att.net

For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column under “Site Map”

Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Does the Bible teach that sin originated in the world with/through Adam?
- Do you believe that Adam’s sin was a deliberate decision to disobey the known revealed will of God ? Was Eve’s sin a deliberate decision?
- When did Adam die? Spiritually? Physically? Eternally? Was he a type of Christ? Is Christ called the second Adam? The last Adam?
- Do you become a sinner because you sin? Or do you sin because you are a sinner?
- Does the Bible teach that it is our sinful acts in breaking God’s law that brings the consequence of death?
- Can you name four “kings” who reign, according to today’s study?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - *Romans 1:18-8:39*

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20; **Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21**

1A. **DEPENDENT UPON THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST - 3:21-31**

2A. **DESCRIBED IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM - 4:1-15**

3A. **DECLARED IN THE REWARDS OF OUR SALVATION - 5:1-11**

• **4A. DEMONSTRATED IN THE RESULTS OF THE FALL - 5:12-21**

The two great principles of righteousness we have studied so far are contrasted and compared – both CONDEMNATION and JUSTIFICATION.

✓ The **CONTRAST between Adam and Christ - 15-17**

✓ The **COMPARISON between Adam and Christ - 18-21**

This passage **begins with Adam** (v. 12), and **ends with Christ** (v. 21).

• **1B. The CONSEQUENCE which one man’s sin brought upon the whole world - 12-14**

“Wherefore” - Greek: *dia touto* - “because of this” or “on account of this” - referring to what we were told in *verses 1-11* - **that we been reconciled to God by the death of His Son**

Rom 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man (the) **sin** entered the world, and (the) **death through sin**, and thus (the) **death spread to all men**, because all sinned--*

1C. The **Entrance of sin** - 12a - It came through one man - namely, Adam - cf. *Gen. 2:16-17; 1 Tim. 2:13-14* - It is described as “*the sin*”; - Note: **Sin did not originate with Adam; it merely entered the world** through him. Sin originated with Satan – *1 John 3:8*

2C. The **Effect of that one sin** - “*and death through sin*” - Greek: “*and through the sin, the death*” – the singular usage of the word “*sin*” **points to the depravity** which resulted, **not simply the acts** of sinning. Note: **Adam’s sin was a deliberate decision to disobey the known revealed will of God** - *Gen. 2:17* - his wife was deceived, but Adam was not - he disobeyed with the full knowledge that what he was doing was in violation of God’s will. **Our depravity is not the result** of sin, **but the cause of it**.

3C. The **Experience of all men** - “*and thus the death spread to all men*” – *1 Cor. 15:22* - NASB - “*spread to all men*” - NIV - “*came to all men*” - Note: Adam did not die physically the day he disobeyed God; but he did die spiritually (cf. *Gen. 2:7* - “*the breath of lives*”) and was separated from fellowship with God. - cf. *Eph. 2:1-3*

Rom 5:13 (For **until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law**.

4C. The **Execution of the law** - “*until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed* (put you’re your account) *when there is no law*” - it is clear **that it is not our sinful acts in breaking God’s law** that brings the consequence of death, but **rather it is our sinful nature**.

Rom 5:14 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. – (The Coming One!!)

5C. The **Explanation for the reality of death** –14 - From “Adam to Moses” people **still experienced physical death** even when they did not sin in the same way as did Adam - the **reason therefore, did not lie in the knowledge of the law and therefore the breaking of it, nor did it lie in the similarity** of people sinning like Adam did; **the reason was that Adam was a “type” of the One who was coming!**

- **2B. The CONTRAST between Adam and Christ** –15-17 (only by grace!!!)

Rom 5:15 But the **free gift** (charisma) is not like the **offense** (fall). For if (since) 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.**

1C. A **contrast between one man's offense and one man's free gift** – 15 - The Greek word *paraptoma* refers to a **fall** - NIV translates “trespass” and NASB uses the word “transgression” - “if” - Greek: *ei* with indicative - “**if and it is so**” or “**since**” - The “free gift” is the Greek *charisma* - emphasizing God's grace that is behind it all - the second word “**gift**” is the Greek *dorea* and is used in reference to righteousness (cf. v. 17) - “**much more**” - vv. 15, 17, 20 The **difference is always God's GRACE!** - In terms of Adam's sin - many died; Through Christ, many live!

Rom 5:16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For (on the one hand) the judgment which came from (out of) one offense resulted in **condemnation**, but (on the other hand) the **free gift** which came from (out of) many offenses resulted in **justification**. - In terms of Christ's gift - many have received grace! What a contrast!

2C. A **contrast between condemnation and justification** – 16 - Greek: *men...de* construction - “on the one hand....but on the other hand” - On the one hand....it was “out of” one act of disobedience that condemnation came - but on the other hand...it was “out of” many offenses that justification came! It was a “free gift” - Greek: *charisma* – **a gift of God's grace made this possible!**

Rom 5:17 For if (since) by the one man's offense (the) **death reigned** through the one, **much more those who receive abundance of grace** and of **the gift of (the) righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**)

3C. A **contrast between death and life** – 17 - “if” - Greek: *ei* - “if and it is so” “the death” reigned over all men through one man's disobedience; **but those who receive God's grace and the gift of the righteousness, shall all reign “in life”** by one Person - Jesus Christ! - **Once again, it is God's grace that makes it possible!**

- **3B. The COMPARISON between Adam and Christ** – 18-21

Rom 5:18 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.

1C. In both cases, it was **one person** and **one act** that brought the results -18 - The connecting phrases include “**through one**” and “**to all men**”

Rom 5:19 For as by **one man's disobedience** (the) **many** were made sinners, so also by **one Man's obedience** (the) **many** will be made righteous.

2C. In both cases, **many people were affected by one act** – 19 - Connecting thought - “the many”

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense **might abound**. But where sin abounded, **grace abounded** (above and beyond imagination) **much more**,

Rom 5:21 so that as **sin reigned** in death, even so **grace might reign** through righteousness **to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

3C. In **both cases, the consequences abound** - 20-21 - When the law came, **sin increased** - cf. Rom. 7:7-11; - When Jesus came, **grace superabounded!** - Greek: *hyperperisseuo* - “to **abound above whatever sin did**” - Notice again the contrasts: - **Adam vs. Christ**; **Condemnation vs. Justification**; **Disobedience vs. Obedience**; **Law vs. Grace**; **Sin vs. Righteousness**; **Death vs. Life**

Notice “four kings” who reign: - 1. **Death** - v. 14 2. **They who receive abundance of grace** - v. 17 3. **Sin** - v. 21 4. **Grace** (The Ultimate King!) - v. 21 **Self effort does not control! The Holy Spirit does!**
John 1:16; Rom. 2:4, 5:15, 20-21; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Tim. 1:16; Titus 2:11-15; Heb. 4:16