

New Community Bible Study & Teaching
**“God’s Grace, Real Peace & The Power
of The Right One”**

Romans 5:1-21

Session 8

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We’ve titled our study series after the Book of Romans...

**“God’s Plan To Move Us From
Lost Ones
To Saved Ones To Sent Ones”**

Structure Of The Book:

Our Outline of the Book

1. Introduction & Theme Of Romans (1:1-17),
- 2. The Doctrine of Justification (1:18—5:11),**
- 3. The Doctrine Of Sanctification (5:12—8:39),**
4. God’s Plan & Purpose For Israel (9:1—11:36),
5. Living The New Life As A Jesus Follower (12:1-15:13);
6. Conclusions & Greetings To Friends (15:14—16:27).

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Introduction & Overview

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I’m a fan of westerns... John Wayne was my favorite!

- The story usually opened with...
- A town out west, a villain terrorizing the territory
- His rough treatment of his girlfriend
- His cattle eating up all the grazing land- rustling cattle
- And a Sherriff who needs help keeping the peace

And then... along comes our hero... John Wayne, The Duke!

- Against a huge force of bad guys who work for the villain... overwhelming odds in the bad guys favor!
- There is a showdown in the streets of the city
- A gun fight, the Duke gets wounded but fights on...
- He eventually overcomes the bad guy, all his men, and he gets the favor of the heroin (the bad guys girl) who switches sides at just the right moment!!
- And declares her love for the Duke all along!

And...in the end...The good guy wins!

- Peace is restored, life returns to usual, and the Duke rides off into the sunset!!

Something like that story... is taking place here!

Beginning here in Romans 5,

- **After making the case that faith...** is the only means of obtaining justification for your sins- caused by our enemy- Satan!
- **We're reminded that our only way out** is to place our faith in our hero Jesus... and in Romans 4...
- **Paul uses Abraham's story** as the supreme example of justification by faith for all mankind- no matter your background:

Paul now advances the justification explanation... to the big showdown... Adam verses Jesus!

- We'll see that in these passages today!
- But, Paul begins with more of the benefits that being justified by Faith in Jesus... brings us...
- We'll begin there!

Read: Rom. 5:1-21- Read it!!!

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

“Therefore”... we ask...”what’s it there for?”

- Remember Abraham is our supreme example...
- Everyone can agree that his example is hard to refute!

- **Abraham is now everyman- & everyone-** regardless of background
 - **Is justified completely by faith...** like Abraham...
 - Abraham-looked **forward** to Jesus coming, death & resurrection!
 - **We all- Look back** to Jesus' death & resurrection
 - **All justified by faith** in Him!

- Justification by faith in Jesus= **peace** with God thru Him!

It's in Jesus... "thought whom"...by grace thru faith...we gain it!

Peace is now not a feeling... but a fact!

John 14:27 tells us... (PP)

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

- **Notice... Paul writes..."since WE have been justified..."**

- Speaking of Christians, Believers... **we have peace with God!**

- **Peace with God means:**

- When we were sinners...
 - We were at a state of **war** with God...Eph.2:16; Ps.7:11
 - We rebelled against His authority- we disobeyed His laws
 - Whether written or in our hearts we had a sense we were rebels running from Gods authority & law!

- **But now...being reconciled, we have peace with God!**

- Before, we were under a sense of the guilt of sin! Our consciences told us so!

Our daily lives were once filled with terror and dismay...

- Fear of judgment- a sense of unease & impending doom in our dark moments!
 - **But with our sins forgiven... the war is over!!!**
 - **Our guilt has been taken away!**
 - That's why we must admit we're guilty- as we seek His forgiveness! Agree with God we have sinned!!

- When we do... forgiveness & peace are the result from God!!
 - o Peace is generally the “first fruits” of our justification!

And... since we've found peace with God...

- **We stand in His grace- right now!**
 - o His favor we do not merit but have been given...B/C of Jesus!
- **And... we boast in the hope of His glory... meaning: Heb.10:23**
- We will be like Him, in heaven with Him, forever soon!
- That hope is ours in Jesus!!

Now... Paul reminds us of how hope is produced & reinforced:

3 Not only so,

- Not just glorying in our hope that is present B/C of Jesus:

but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

We glory in our sufferings because...

- o Of the **present blessing & ultimate glory** they bring to us!
- o 2 Cor.4:17; Rom.8:8
- o And... like James tells us: **sufferings produce perseverance!**
- o And... perseverance produces **character...**
- o And Character... produces **more hope!!!** And:
- o Character produces a stronger **hope** in Jesus & His promises!

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

- The more you face **suffering** & trials- your endurance & hope grow!
- And, you are even more sure of God's love for you & His sustaining power in your life!
- You're proud to suffer for Jesus, you see He sustains you NMW!
- That is very hope-building for the present & future!!!

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

- While we were powerless, unable to help ourselves- lost!
- God sent Jesus... to do for us what we could not do for ourselves!

7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

- We ask our military people- to be willing to die for their country... they sacrifice for a cause, an ideal!
- Their choice makes us love them, honor them, thank them!

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- But how much more do we love Jesus...
- Who didn't just die to keep us safe from human enemies...
- But while we were still at war with the Father...still sinners:
- Jesus came and paid the price for sins- to give us life with God!
- Our justification by faith- has its hero- Jesus, the ultimate hero of all mankind...
 - Who died for those who didn't understand or necessarily care about what He was doing for them!!
 - That's loving your enemies to the MAX!!

And now...

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how

much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- Big deal here... for our futures as Jesus followers on earth...
- **Since His blood justifies us-** pays the price... for our sins. Stops the war with God- makes peace w/ God, Look what it also does:
- **How much more signifies...** that God has chosen to keep us redeemed throughout this life- because of Jesus sacrifice!

- **In other words... Justification-** saved from the **penalty** of Sin...
- Leads to **Sanctification...** saved from the **power** of sin!!

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Salvation has three aspects to it:

Justification- we're saved from the **penalty** of sin.

Sanctification- being saved from the **power** of sin.

Glorification- We will be saved from the **presence** of sin!

11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- **Reconciliation=** we've been changed from enemies to friends with God, by God- through the payment of Jesus on the cross. 2 Cor.5:17

Kevin will guide us through the reminder of the chapter:

So... To reacquaint us with verses 12- 21, lets reread this section in the New Living Translation

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12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. **13** Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. **14** Still, everyone died—from the time of

Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. **15** But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. **16** And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. **17** For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. **19** Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

20 God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant. **21** So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we read Romans 5:12, we need to be sure we’re reading it for what it says...

- Let’s take it in pieces before trying to put it all together.

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

1. Sin came into the world through one man.
2. Death [came into the world] through sin.
3. Death & sin (implied here) spread to all people,
 - **Because Adam sinned & Adam is the father of every person... the human race is polluted with sin!**
 - **Therefore...all people have sinned.**

Paul uses these statements to chart the entrance of sin into the world.

- Sin came into existence through one man, Adam. There was a not-so-great bonus that came with sin: death.
- **When sin entered the world, so did death.**

What spread to all people, sin or death(?) Paul uses the word death, not sin. (but sin is implied here)

- Death entered as a natural consequence of sin. Death spread (genetically to every person born after Adam)- all are born with a sin nature... because all have sinned, and the wages of sin is death.

So what is Paul claiming here?

- Note that Paul **does not** say that sin spread... but it is understood!
- **Because sin did spread as people were born- it is now part of the human nature!**
- **Sin entered the human race... through Adam when he sinned! His sin polluted the human condition from that moment forward!**
- His sin changed every person that was produced **from Him!**
- The whole earth began to decay... B/C of Adam's sin.
- **In Adam & Eve's loins, resided the entire human race!**

The tricky part here is this:

- Adam & Eve were the original human beings...
- Their sin- changed their children & their children's children forever!

- All are born into sin! We are condemned B/C of Adam's sin... we inherit his sin nature!
- Now we also prove rather quickly that we are sinners in thought & **action**- and do sin!
- But Paul knows the argument for original sin...

- Now, a man is not a sinner because he sins, *but he sins because every man is now a sinner!* (Matt.15:19 explanation)

- In 1 Cor. 15:22 (written by Paul) "Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life."

- Death is a **consequence** of sin, just as the wrath of God described in Romans 1–2 is a consequence of sin.

So what can we conclude from this verse?

- Paul says death is the penalty for our sins, and he doesn't mention that it is also an inheritance from Adam
- I Think Paul knew it is first an inheritance from Adam, and then we also prove ourselves sinners soon enough!
- The introduction of sin into the world brought about a number of fundamental changes.
- Paul's point in this section is to trace the path of carnage wrought by the entrance of sin into the world (and into our flesh) as a way to elaborate on all that Christ has accomplished through His death and resurrection.
- More importantly, Paul explains why it had to happen this way, tracing the parallels between Adam and Jesus.

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

- So death entered the world as a consequence of sin...

- o **2,500 years before Moses appeared & God gave him the Law!**
- So mankind lived under the looming shadow of death all that time...because we all have sinned (Rom 1–2).
- **Paul offers a supporting statement in verse 13 to remind us that judgment for sin also has a connection to the law.**

- Because man was warned not to disobey God- If you eat of the fruit of this tree you will surely die! Gen.2:17

- So while sin was in the world—along with its consequence, death—**there was not an accounting** for the sin.

The coming of the law changed all that, opening the door for a full accounting to be made (3:19–20).

- It's not as if people were getting off the hook; after all, everyone but Enoch and Elijah had died.
- What Paul has in mind here is God reconciling accounts for the sin committed. Before the law, there could be no accounting (5:13);

- But remember... it is not because of men's sinful acts in breaking the Law which they do not yet have, but because of their sinful nature... that all men from Adam until Moses were subject to death!

- But when it (The Law) did finally come, God chose to exercise His kindness, forbearance, and patience with a view toward repentance (2:4).

14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

- The Greek word used here, *typos*, refers to Adam's role as a representative for humanity. This sets a pattern for the one who is to come—Jesus Christ.

Paul characterizes Adam's sin as somehow different from ours.

- Paul later characterizes sin as living in (and ruling) our flesh, but this was not Adam's situation before the fall.
- Adam had been sinless and without an *occupying force* in his flesh. He had a clear choice in the matter.
- From Paul's perspective, we are all born now with this urge or **bent toward disobedience... (sin nature)** living under our skin and it all traces back to the decision of one man, a decision that affected all who follow. **(Good!)**

15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

- 5:15–21 In this section, Paul compares Adam's sin with God's gift.
- In doing so, he praises God's gift, which reverses the devastating effect of Adam's sin.

Illus: As I read this I always get a visual of a spark that ignites a forest fire and an elaborate set up of dominos.

- **Interesting that one human trespass can cause such devastation.**

- More amazing is- one human act (by Jesus) can undo it all!
- Only God can reverse a catastrophe as if it had not been done with one act... **His “gift of Jesus.”**

16 Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

- **The gift was introduced through one man, just like the trespass in some ways,**
- **But with drastically different consequences in other ways!**

Instead of death spreading to all, the gifts of grace and righteousness spread to all who respond in faith!

- Paul compares the magnitude of the sin with the magnitude of the **gift of grace**.
- Sin not only introduced death into the world; Adam’s sin also enabled death to literally rule the world, **nothing** could break free from its grip.
- But think how much bigger an impact grace can have. Instead of living in fear of death, those who believe reign in life through Jesus, the one who made it all happen

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Hebrews 2:14-15

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death that is, the devil **15** and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **19** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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Hebrews 9: 24-28

24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence **25** Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. **26** Otherwise Christ would had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27** Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, **28** so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

- Paul returns to the relationship between the law and sin, last mentioned in 5:13.

- He reaffirms that the purpose of the law was to promote the knowledge of sin (3:19–20) but there is a corresponding principle at work.
- As the knowledge of sin increased, grace increased all the more: Grace will always triumph over sin.
- God has unlimited Grace in the bank, how much do you need?

21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Paul closes the chapter with a purpose statement about how sin and grace work in the divine economy.
- He invokes our knowledge of sin's comprehensive reign of terror, resulting in death.
- In this same way, grace, too, would reign over everything through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Next Time- Part 9- Romans 6:1-23... Ben Meyers

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“The New Life- Dead To Sin, Alive In Righteousness”

Close and Pray