

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 8/29-30/2022 *Romans Chapter 5*

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OPENING PRAYER

Theme of the Book of Romans: “Righteousness by Faith” – 1:16-17

Romans Chapter 5 – Glorious Results of Justification by Faith

Faith Triumphs in Trouble - vs. 1-5; Christ in our Place – vs. 6-11; Death in Adam, Life in Christ– vs. 12-21

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- ***Therefore, having been justified by faith,*** having laid out that this is God's plan. This is God's provision whereby He can accept you. Whereby He can declare that you are righteous by your faith in Jesus Christ and the fact that He bore your sins. He died in your place. The righteous demands of the law have been

fulfilled for you by Jesus Christ. Thus, as we believe in Jesus Christ, God can account our faith for righteousness.

- **Being justified by faith, first of all we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,** At one time we were at war against God, against the laws of God. We were rebels, rebelling against God's laws. We were mistaken in our concept of the law, thinking that God was seeking to hinder us, when in reality, the purpose was to bring us to a full, rich life. But Satan had deceived and blinded our eyes. Sin looked attractive. It looked exciting, but the consequences of sin was something that we did not see. How that it was like a cancer, slowly eating and destroying until finally there was no cure.
- **Showing to us how that we are no longer rebelling,** our eyes were open. We see the law of God now as being good for us. I consent to the law. It is good, but still my inability to keep the law; therefore, God provided for me a righteousness apart from the law. A righteousness through faith in Jesus. By believing in Him, I am no longer fighting against God. How glorious it is to have peace with God!
- **Jesus said come unto Me** all you that labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. You know when a person accepts Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior, suddenly you realize that the war is over! I am no longer fighting against Him. There is such rest. You go home and you lie there on your pillow. You look up and say, Father, I'm on Your side now. Not fighting against You anymore. You just feel that warmth and that glow of knowing that there is no more war. There is no more rebellion! I have surrendered! Now I belong to Him, having glorious peace because I am no longer at enmity with God.
- **But then not only does justification by faith** bring me peace with God but it also gives me *access*.

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access (introduction) by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice (to boast) in hope (positive assurance) of the glory of God.

- **Now I become the recipient of God's blessing.** God has loved us. He has always loved us even when we were in sin. He sent His Son to die, not for the righteous, but for the ungodly! God desired to provide for us a way back; **access!** A way back for the fellowship with God into oneness with Him. God created man for that purpose. That man might live in fellowship with Him!
- **When He created Adam and Eve, placing them** in the garden, giving them all of the beauty and the glory of the Garden of Eden, He said it is all yours to enjoy. Of all the trees you may eat freely except the one tree. In order that man might be proved if his love for God was genuine. That man might not be just a robot responding because there is nothing else. That one man Adam ate of that tree that God said he should not. By him, sin entered the world and death by sin, so that death passed on us all because we all sinned. But God still loved man. God still wanted fellowship and longed for that fellowship that had been lost! When Adam ate of that fruit, he went from the kingdom of God into the kingdom of Satan. ***(Rom 6:16) Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*** Yielding himself to the suggestion of Satan, he became a servant of Satan. Alienated now from God. The fellowship with God was broken!
- **But he found out that when he went through that door** from the kingdom of God into the kingdom of darkness, it was a one-way door, there was no way back! There were no works that he could do that would restore him back into fellowship with God. But God, still desiring that fellowship, provided the way back in through Jesus Christ! In order that we might have fellowship with God and that God might do for us the things He longs to do because of His love, I now have **access** to this glorious grace of God. That is the blessings and the goodness that God bestows upon me though I am undeserving and unworthy of it!
- **I have access by faith into this grace in which we stand.** By God's grace I am what I am. My standing is in the grace of God right now! I do not stand before God in my own righteousness. I stand before God in that righteousness that God has imparted to me in my faith in Jesus Christ. Through the grace of God, I have this standing before Him!
- **And rejoice, boasting in hope of the glory of God.** As God reveals His glory. As God reveals His love. As God pours out upon me His blessings, I glory! I rejoice! I give thanks! I praise God! The truest form

of praise is that which rises spontaneously from my heart in response to God's grace towards me! I praise God because of who He is! What He has done! Because of His wonderful grace to me! It is something that just rises spontaneously from my heart! Oh, God You are so good! Oh, God, I love You! (**Heb 6:19**) *This hope we have as **an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.***

Rom 5:3 *And not only that, but we also glory (boast, rejoice) in tribulations, knowing that tribulation (pressure, affliction) produces perseverance (enduring, patient continuance.)*

(Joh 16:33) *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

- **There is no more important, no more subtle test of our profession of the Christian faith** than the way we react to the trials and the troubles and the tribulations of life in this world! Trials and tribulations always differentiate between what we can describe as “believism” and true faith. Trials and tribulations and troubles constitute a most vital and thorough on-going test of our Christian profession.
- **We are not to approach tribulations passively, but to remember, *And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations.*** This is to be the Christian’s reaction, his response. It is to boast, to exult and to glory in them! It is a very good thing that we are able to glory in the midst of our tribulations, but the Apostle goes well beyond that. He says we **glory on account of them, because of them!** Not **in spite of**, not in the midst of, but on account of them! **Not glorying for, but in, our tribulations!** We glory because of our tribulations. It does not mean that the moment these things happen to us we begin to praise and to thank God. At first, these things are not pleasant. Nobody like them! Paul does not say that we should like these things. What he says is that we should glory in them!
- **We can glory in tribulations because our faith enables us** to view them in such a way as to realize that far from working against our hope, they actually promote it and indeed, further it! We can glory, knowing that knowledge of an insight into, God’s purpose and methods with respect to us, knowing that *“tribulation produces perseverance!” (2Co 4:17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,*
- **The moment these trials and tribulations come we realize a new and a fresh need** of our Lord. At first we are taken aback and do not understand. But if we have true faith, that will make us turn back to Him. That is the test! We will not just look at the problems! We will remember what He has said and what He has promised. The new condition makes us realize the need of a fresh supply of grace and strength, to think of the Lord Jesus Christ again, the One we are liable to forget. These trials send us to Christ, making us pray to Him and to spend more of our time with Him, pleading with Him.
- **Trials are good for us because they bring us** not only to a better knowledge of Him, but to a better knowledge of ourselves! We thought we could stand firm in our faith, but here we are shaking! This is good for us, giving us a more balanced view, a deeper view, a larger and truer view. The result is that, when further trials come, we do not get flustered and excited. We are more steady, knowing that *tribulation produces perseverance*, which gives us a truer picture of the Christian life, helping steady us because *tribulation produces perseverance*.

Rom 5:4 *and perseverance, character (proof, approvedness); and character, hope.*

- **Character! But it does not stop there!** *tribulation produces perseverance. And perseverance, character!* This word, translated *character* here, means the experience of going through a test with special reference to the result. It is enduring something amounting to a test that promotes and validates the character of the one undergoing it. This success in turn promotes, making determining of someone’s attitude. It is a proof, a trial, and approvedness, testing coins and seeing them come through the fire! The Apostle is saying that this *perseverance, leads to a proof that we are really and truly Christian. We have been able to pass the test!*
- **Regarding the testing of your faith, we read, (Jas 1:2-3) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.**

- Peter used this word as “tested,” in (1Pe 1:7) *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*
- **I have hope for the future because I know what God has done** in the past. *Character or experience gives you that confidence. It gives that hope. You do not fall into despair. Oh, I do not what is going to happen! No, you do not do that because you have hope that God has a plan that He is working out. It is glorious because He loves me! He is working it out!*

Rom 5:5 *Now hope does not disappoint* (be disgraced, not being an illusion), **because** (for this reason) **the love of God** (not our love to God, but **His love to us**, or for us) **has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

(Act 2:17a, 33) *AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT* (to pour forth; gush) *OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; [33] Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

- **Oh yes! We believers need not to be worried** because *the love of God*, His love for us, has been poured out in our hearts. Our Father, which art in heaven. Our Father knows what we have need of.

Rom 5:6 *For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for* (on behalf of, instead of) *the ungodly.*

- **The love of God! Now God manifested His love to us.** I did not have any ability to save myself. I could not do any works. I was without strength. I was hopeless. But in **due time**, the time God had planned before the foundation of the world, Christ died for whom?
- **The ungodly!** To be *ungodly* is to be unlike God! The honored image of God in man has been terribly defaced because of man’s sin! Also, it means that man is without love to God! Every man who is a Christian now was once ungodly! All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Rom 5:7 *For scarcely for a righteous man* (very correct) *will one die; yet perhaps for a good* (not only correct, but a lovable man) *man someone would even dare to die.*

- **There have been a few who were willing** to give their lives for their family, for their loved ones, or for a worthy cause. A good purpose.

Rom 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- **He died for the ungodly. He died, voluntarily, willingly, for us when** we were *still sinners*. Still in rebellion against Him, still coming short of His glory. Still missing the mark, nothing lovable, not righteous, not correct, guilty in the sight of God, deserving of God’s wrath, and yet God’s love was manifested in that, Christ willingly died for us when we were *still sinners!* God showed His love by sending His only Begotten Son to die for us, on our behalf! How remarkable! The people who have appreciated the love of God most, have always been those who have realized their sinfulness most!
- **Why did Christ come into the world?** There was nothing in mankind, nothing in any one of us, to recommend it to God. Indeed, the truth is, there was everything in us that was wrong, vile and hateful. Everything was calculated to antagonize God towards us. We were enemies, hateful, vile, ungodly, sinners! We must realize our salvation is entirely gratuitous, arising only and altogether from the love of God in His infinite grace!

Rom 5:9 **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

- **Now Paul is beginning to build.** He will use five *much mores* as he develops sin, its origin and the victory over it by what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us!
- **We have not been appointed to wrath!** *Christ has borne that for us! (1Th 5:9) For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. God sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins! (1Jn 4:10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
- **Justified – He has given us a new history!** Just as He said to Israel (*Jer 31:34c*) *For they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*" Not forgetting but choosing not to remember.
- **His assurance of our security.** We notice that **His shed blood** is the justifying ground, the procuring cause, for our being accounted righteous. That instead of our being unsure or uncertain of our preservation from the God's wrath, which is coming at the Last Judgment, the fact that Christ died for us, while we were still sinners, gives us a constant state of calm security!
- **If when I was a sinner, God loved me so much,** He sent His Son to die for me, how *much more* now that I am reconciled? Now that I am His child. If He did that for me when I was in that rotten state of sin in rebellion against Him, oh how *much more* now that I have been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath through Him! God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish in the wrath and the judgment of God against sin. **How much more now that I have been justified, will I be saved from the wrath through Christ!**

Rom 5:10 *For if (since) when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by (en- in) His life.*

- **Here I am, an enemy of God, and yet I have been reconciled** through the death of Jesus. *Much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.* If His death could take me from the place of being an enemy, to being reconciled, now, *much more*, that I am reconciled, will we be saved in His life! His death brought reconciliation! But how *much more* now His life! We see He was delivered for our offenses! But he rose again for our justification. So, He lives! And through the power of the risen Christ, I have been saved by His life!
- **Much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life**, which not only has eternal consequences, but also affects our life right now! Our God is done forever in dealing with all believers on the basis of His wrath. He may chasten us as a loving Father, but never in payment or punishment of our sins. His chastening is to bring about loving, corrective discipline and guidance. (**Heb 12:6**) **FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.**

Rom 5:11 *And not only that, but we also rejoice (to boast, glory in) in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation* (atonement, restoration).

- **Another result of justification by faith, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,** It causes us to rejoice, giving thanks to God for what He has done for us through Jesus Christ.
- **Have you ever been so overwhelmed by the love and the goodness of God,** that words were inadequate to express it? That happens to me every once in a while as God continues to reveal His love and His grace. There are times when I just have to sit quietly, just rejoicing in God's love that He is revealing in His grace. Just giving thanks and rejoicing in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, *through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*
- **New Testament reconciliation is far better than Old Testament atonement.** The word atonement comes from a Hebrew word *kaphar*, which is a covering. All it could do was to cover our guilt. The sacrifices were for a covering, a *kaphar*. It made a covering for the guilt, but it did not take away the sins or your guilt. It just made a covering for it for a season.
- **We have now received the reconciliation!** You've become one with God! Through Jesus Christ I now am one with Him! When man was created, he was created in the image of God. God said let Us make

man in the image of Our likeness. But as the result of sin, man fell, resulting in the falling from this position of fellowship with God, at one with God. He had fallen from the image of God.

- **Now the purpose of God was to restore man back into His image.** This was accomplished through Jesus' coming, taking our sins, dying in our place. Then coming and living in us. Through His life in us, changing, transforming us and making us back again into the image of God! (*1Jn 3:2*) *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.* When He is through with His work in us, we are going to be like Him for we shall see Him as He is! The Lord is working in us day by day, to restore us into the image of God.
- **Paul, in (2Co 3:18) *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*** That is God's purpose to restore you back into His image. Back into His likeness that you might become one with God in fellowship. That is communion and fellowship with God!
- **In (Eph 4:13) *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*** Restoring you back into the image of God.
- **Man is not highly evolved from the lower forms of life.** That is a myth. Man does not have a missing link somewhere between him and the baboon. The missing link is there indeed but it is between man and God! Jesus Christ came to restore man and through Him we can find our roots. Not in the animal kingdom but in God!

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

- **Therefore, going back to (Rom 3:23) *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*** Paul just has taken a little digression, bringing up justification by faith. He gets all into the thing and spends several verses on the blessings of justification! Now, coming back to Adam, to the subject of us all being sinners.
- **Adam was acting, in our place, as a federal head for all of man.** In his sin, we all became sinners because he, having fallen from the image of God, could not pass on to his descendants, something that he no longer had. So, we were born in sin. We are by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Man's natural bent is toward sin. For I am a sinner. Because I am a sinner, I sin.
- **This is something that I cannot control.** This is something that I am by birth. Born of the flesh. That which is of the flesh, is flesh. It is sinful flesh, alienated from God. That is why I had to have a new birth. Now God said to Adam in the day you eat, you will surely die. When he ate of that fruit, he died spiritually! That is that part of man. We are three parts, body, soul, spirit.
- **When man sinned, the spirit died.** There he lost this fellowship or this oneness with God. Because God, a superior trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, it is by the Spirit of God that man has union with God. God is a Spirit, Jesus said, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and truth. The Bible says, His Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I am a son of God.
- **Man meets God in the realm of the spirit.** I worship Him in spirit and in truth. So as long as the spirit of man was uppermost, man had this fellowship with God, oneness with God, there in the Garden of Eden. But as the result of sin, the spirit of man died as God predicted. With the death of his spirit, this fellowship with God was broken by man, so when God came into the garden to commune with Adam, he hid himself from God because he was aware of his sin.
- **Jesus recognizing that man is dead spiritually, said to Nicodemus,** a very religious man, righteous by man's standards, He said, (*Joh 3:7*) *Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You **must** be born again.'* You have to be born again if you are going to enter the kingdom of heaven. Do not marvel when I say you must be born again.
- **Now Jesus is talking about your spirit has to be born anew.** Your spirit is dead in trespasses and sin. You have to have a new birth! A birth of your spirit. Now this was confusing to Nicodemus. He said

how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb? Jesus said you are supposed to be a teacher among the Jews. If I talk to you about earthly things and you do not understand them. How in the world can I ever talk to you about heavenly things?

- **How can a man be born again? How can this spirit come alive?** By believing in Jesus Christ.

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

- **Adam had only one law. Do not eat** of the tree in the middle of the garden! The only law. You are free to do anything and everything, just do not eat of that tree! He ate of the tree. One law, but he broke it! Now, God did not lay out the law until Moses. So that where there was no law, there is no imputing of sin. That is, you cannot break a law that does not exist.
- **To be guilty you have to break the law.** If we had no speed limits on our freeways, then they could never pull you over for speeding. In Europe on the autobahn, there is no speed limit. Thus, a person is not arrested for speeding, he is arrested for reckless driving.
- **If there is not a law you cannot break it.** So, the law was not imputed though men were doing evil things. In fact, so horrible, that God wiped out through the flood those people who had turned their minds over to evil continually. God's judgment came upon them, as it did upon Sodom and Gomorrah because of the things they were doing there. But though there was no law such as came under Moses. But still there was death.

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 (Jesus Christ) who was to come.*

- **Death is known and feared by all.** *(Heb 2:14b-15) That through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.* This is so important in the lives of everyone, believer and unbeliever, alike!
- **Why is death a necessary fact?** We know it is because of Adam's sin against God's command in the Garden of Eden. God had told Adam! *(Gen 2:16-17) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*
- **Adam disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden tree!** *(Gen 3:17, 19) Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. [19] In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."* Sin entered the world and death through sin!
- **Unbelievers may doubt the Bible, the Creation story, Adam,** and the Garden of Eden, thinking that they have no connection to something that happened so long ago. What is the most obvious connection to point out to such a person? The Bible tells us that every single person on the face of the earth for all time has been linked to Adam! That is the fact. **All, that is 100%, will die!** Every person born has a connection going all the way back to Adam. There is no escaping that fact.
- **That brings us to a critical question for each of us.** Do you want to face death and its consequences alone? I certainly do not! So, what does your Creator tell us in His word concerning death and victory over it. One of many verses, is *(Joh 3:16-17) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. [17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*
- **Adam was the first man, placed here in fellowship with God.** He violated the law of God, leading mankind into sin. He is the likeness of the One who was to come. Another One is coming, being placed here innocently and in purity, who remained true unto God and by His righteousness, then, are many made righteous!

Headship of Christ! -

Rom 5:15 *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.*

- **For if by the one man's offense many died.** Many have died in sin and trespasses through the sin of Adam.
- **Much more! The grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.** If one man's sin could make us all sinners, then one Man's righteousness can make us all righteous.
- **If I deny the fact that I am a sinner because of Adam's sin,** then any idea that I am righteous now through Christ's righteousness, is destroyed. If I could not be made a sinner by Adam's sin, then I cannot be made righteous by Christ's righteousness.
- **But God has made provision for our sins.** By one man's sin, if we can all be made sinners, how much more then this grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many?!!

Rom 5:16 *And the gift is not like that which came through the one (Adam) who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses (trespasses) resulted in justification.*

- **Paul is anxious to emphasize the contrast, the "much more."** On the one side, the one sin of Adam led to that judgment, and on the other side, the many offenses, the many sins, are covered by the one act of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- **The one offense, the one sin of Adam that has produced the judgment to condemnation,** and brought in its trail all those evil and terrible consequences. The result of Adam's one sin, the sentence of condemnation has been passed upon the whole world of men.
- **But thanks be to God, we can turn to the other side!** The many offenses include not only the one original sin of Adam, but also all the sins that have even been committed, or ever will be committed, by any and all of Christ's people.
- **We were condemned because of the one sin of Adam,** but when we come to be justified, we are not only justified in respect of that one sin, but also in respect of **all the sins** that we, ourselves have committed!
- **By the work of Christ on our behalf we are not only delivered** from what we have inherited from Adam, we are also delivered and cleared from all the sins and offenses of which we ourselves have ever been guilty. What a large, what a free gift, what a glorious salvation this is! All our sins, all the sins of His people, were laid upon Him. All the sins even of those yet unborn who will yet become His people were laid upon Him. In Him all who believe are justified from all sins, past, present and future!
- **The one sin brought condemnation.** But now this free gift has taken all of the offenses, every one of a believer's sins, and made justification for all of us.

Rom 5:17 *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.*

- **Death reigned because of Adam's sin.** How *much more* we who have received the abundance of God's grace. This gift of righteousness that God has given to me because of my faith in Jesus, how *much more* will we reign in life? Death no longer is reigning over us. We are reigning in life by Jesus Christ!

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.*

- **We see how the one man made us guilty sinners.** The other One has made us righteous if we believe in Him! Justified by faith. Therefore, being justified by faith. It is by my believing and trusting in Jesus

Christ that I have been accounted righteous. That I have been forgiven my sins. That I now reign in life by Him!

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

Rom 5:20 *Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded (super abounded! much more,*

- **The law did not enter to make men righteous.** God did not give the law, saying okay, you keep this law now and you will be righteous. He knew we were sinners by nature and that we would be rebelling against the law, which man does! The natural man rebels against the law of God, so much so that our Supreme Court has declared that it is unconstitutional to put the law of God in a public building, the school classroom! Why? Because the natural man is still in rebellion against the law of God! The law entered, not to make us righteous, not to give us rules of righteousness, but to show us how utterly sinful we are! It is the law that teaches us we are sinners
- **Moreover the law** (of Moses) **entered** (*para* - by the side of) **that the offense** (the sin of Adam plus all the sins coming out of Adam's sin) **might abound** (the law defines, convicts, incites sin-causing us to sin more, bringing us to Christ!) Moreover, the law of Moses entered, that the offense might abound, in order that we might see ourselves as we are in sin, knowing and feeling our utter and complete hopelessness! (**Rom 7:7**) *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."*
- **The ultimate objective of the law was to bring us to Christ!** (**Gal 3:23-24**) *But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. [24] Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
- **But where sin abounded, grace abounded** (super abounded! Grace came without cause!) **much more!** What grace has done is not merely to counteract exactly what sin has done. If grace had done only that, and that alone, it would still be something wonderful. But the Apostle says, it is not as exact counterbalance. In fact, there is no comparison. It is a super-abounding, an engulfing, it is an overflowing on the side of grace! Not just giving us a cancellation of death. But it gives us life and that life more abundantly! (**Eph 2:8-9**) *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

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.*

- **Sin reigned in death, meaning that sin leads to death in every shape and form!** I was once in sin. A sinner by nature, living in death. Dead in trespasses and sins. The spirit was dead. Alienated from God. An enemy of God. At enmity with God. In that position God loved me.
- **Even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.** He manifested His grace towards me by sending His only begotten Son, who died in my place. He took my sin that I might now reign in life and have that eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord! (**Joh 17:3**) *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* He took me from being dead spiritually, to eternal life, meaning to know God and to have fellowship with Him forever!

SUMMARY:

- **Faith Triumphs in Trouble** - having been justified by faith, we have peace with God. We have access by faith into this grace, rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. Additionally, we glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope, which

does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **Christ in our Place** – God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us, justifying us by His blood, saving us from wrath, reconciling us back to God forever!
- **Death in Adam, Life in Christ**– Because of Adam’s sin death entered the world and sin through death, judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even as, through one Man’s (Christ’s) righteous act, the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life! The law came along side so that man’s sins might abound, but where sin abounded, grace super abounded, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through **Jesus Christ our Lord! What a beautiful name it is!**

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS - Hillsong (3:59_4:02)

You were the Word at the beginning One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now
What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You, You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal Now and forever, Forever God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory Yours is the Name, above all names
What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus (2x)

CLOSING PRAYER: Read and meditate over Romans Chapter 6!