

The Book of Romans

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{Part 2}

2. The **Blessings** provided by our “**Last Adam,**”
Jesus the Messiah (5:12-21)

a. The *Consequences* of **Adam's Transgression** (5:12-14)

¹²Therefore, just as through **one man sin entered** into the **world**,
and **death** through **sin**, and so **death spread** to **all men**, because **all sinned**—

¹³for **until the Law sin was in the world**,
but **sin is not imputed** when there is **no law**.

¹⁴Nevertheless **death reigned** from **Adam until Moses**,
even over **those** who had **not sinned** in the **likeness** of the **offense of Adam**,
who is a **type** of **Him** who **was to come**.

b. The *Contrasts* between **Adam's sin**, and **Messiah**, our
“**Last Adam's**” **gifts** (5:15-19)

¹⁵But the **free gift** is **not** like the **transgression**.

For if by the **transgression** of the **one** the **many died**,
much more did the **grace of God**
and the **gift** by the **grace** of the **one Man**,
Jesus the Messiah, **abound** to the **many**.

¹⁶ The **gift** is **not** like *that which came* through **the one** who sinned;
for on the one hand the **judgment arose** from **one transgression**
resulting in **condemnation**,

but on the other hand the **free gift arose** from **many transgressions**
resulting in **justification**.

¹⁷ For if by the **transgression** of the **one**,
death reigned through the **one**,
much more those who receive the **abundance** of **grace**
and of the **gift of righteousness**
will **reign in life** through the **One**, **Jesus the Messiah**.

¹⁸ So then as through **one transgression**
there resulted **condemnation** to **all men**,
even so through **one act** of **righteousness**
there resulted **justification of life** to **all men**.

¹⁹ For as through the **one man's disobedience**
the **many** were made **sinners**,
even so through the **obedience** of the **One**
the **many** will be made **righteous**.

c. The *Correlation* of the **Law** (5:20-21)

²⁰ The **Law** came in so that the **transgression** would **increase**;
but where **sin increased**, **grace abounded** all the more,

²¹ so that, as **sin reigned** in **death**,
even so **grace** would **reign** through **righteousness** to **eternal life**
through Jesus the Messiah our Lord.

Section Summary (3:21-5:21)

Paul's Message of Salvation and Righteousness—

Salvation → To receive **salvation** is to be **delivered** from the *penalty* and *consequences* of **sin** (Romans 8:1, 6:23). It was **sin** that **condemned men** to **corruption** and **death** (Romans 5:12). **Salvation** from the *consequences* of **sin** and **death** is obtained through **faith** in **Jesus the Messiah**, and **His work** of **redemption** (Romans 1:16-17, 10:8-10).

Righteousness → **Righteousness** is the **character** or **quality** of being **right** or **just**.

Since “there is **not** a **righteous man** on earth who *continually* does **good** and who *never* sins (Ecc. 7:20),” **all men** need a “**righteousness**” *provided* by **God**; a **righteousness** by **faith** as declared by **Paul** in his **Gospel** (Romans 1:16-17).

What we *learned*...

- A. We *learned* that **faith** in **Jesus** is the *means* by which we receive **salvation** and the **righteousness of God**. By the **works** of the **Law** “**no flesh** will be **justified**.” (3:20-22)
- B. We *learned* that by *faith* in **Jesus the Messiah**, we receive **justification**. To be “**justified**,” is to be “**declared**” **righteous** before **God** (3:21-22).
- C. We *learned* that (by **faith**) we are *justified* as a “**gift**” by the **grace** of **God** (3:24a). **Grace** is **God’s** “**unmerited**” **favor** bestowed upon man.

We receive *grace* through the **redemption** which is in **Messiah Jesus**. **Redemption** means to “**release**” upon **payment** of a **price**. **Jesus** redeemed us by **paying** the **price** for *our* **sins** through **His** **sacrificial death**, the **shedding** of **His blood** (3:24, Hebrews 9:14, 28).

“In **Him (Messiah)** we have **redemption** through **His blood**,
the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses**,
according to the **riches** of **His grace** (Ephesians 1:7)

- D. We *learned* that **Messiah’s death** became a “**propitiation** in **His blood** (3:25a).” **Propitiation** is the *satisfaction* of **God’s righteous demands**. With the **shedding** of **His blood**, the **penalty** for our **sins** has been **paid** (Ephesians 1:7), and **God’s righteous demands** have been **propitiated** (*satisfied*) (3:25, I John 2:2).

We also *learned* that **Messiah’s redeeming sacrifice** was a “**demonstration**” of **God’s righteousness**, as it showed **Him** to be both “*just* and *justifier* of the one who has **faith in Jesus** (3:26b).”

- E. We *learned* that, by *faith* in **Jesus**, **righteousness** has been “**credited**” to us. This is an **accounting** term that means that **righteousness** has been “**put to our account**,” or **imputed** to us by **faith** (4:23-24).

F. **We learned** that having been *justified by faith*, we have **peace with God** (5:1). Though we once were **hostile to God** because of our **transgressions** and **sins** (Ephesians 2:3), we now have a **reconciled relationship** to **Him** through the **death** of **His Son** (5:10).

G. **We learned** that through **one man, Adam, sin** entered into the world, and **death** through **sin** (5:12). **We also learned** that,

→“**judgment** arose from *one transgression*, resulting in **condemnation** (5:16),”

→that by the **transgression of one (Adam)**, death “**reigned** (5:17),” and

→that by *one man’s disobedience (Adam)*, the “**many**” were made **sinners** (5:19).”

Fortunately, we also *learned* that **Adam** was a **type of Him** to come, **Jesus our Messiah** (5:14b). It is *through Him*, our “**last Adam**,” that we are able to receive **gifts of grace**. For by **one Man, Jesus**, came—

→“the **grace of God**, and the **gift** by the **grace of God**, **abounding** to the **many** (5:15b),”

→“the **free gift**...resulting in **justification** (5:16b),”

→“the **abundance of grace** and of the **gift of righteousness** “**reigning** in **life** (5:17b),”

→“*one act of righteousness*” resulting in “**justification of life** to all men (5:18b),”

→“*one act of obedience* resulting in the “**many**” being made **righteous** (5:19b).

Closing Comments

Having **learned** all this, I now **confer** upon you
an **honorary degree** in *Soteriology*,
the **study of Salvation**