

Romans 5:15-21

By One Man

1. This section communicates ...

- a. our union with Christ, fellowship with Christ, our being fellowheirs (Eph 3:6),
- b. our access to God, identity, and inheritance in Christ (not in the flesh/Adam),
- c. how we receive our blessings or curse (not by the law), which is the mystery.
- d. Misunderstanding ch.5 has led to abundant errors (baptism, universalism, covenant)

2. 5:12-17 - The Parenthesis

- a. This parenthesis could be summarized by Rom 6:23 or 1 Cor 15:22
 - i. As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive - 1 Cor 15:22
- b. 5:13-14 - In Adam the 'many' receive through one w/o the law, w/o their works.
 - i. *"figure of him that was to come"* - Adam was the figure of Jesus Christ.
 - ii. One brought death, the other "last Adam" brings life - 1 Cor 15:45
 - iii. One had everything to lose; the other gave all to abound to many.
- c. 5:15 - through one act; 5:16 imputation to many; 5:17 resulting reign

3. 5:15 - The Free Gift

- a. *"but not as... so also is"* = there are differences, though both come by one.
- b. *"free gift"* = justified freely by grace through faith - Rom 3:21-24, 4:4, 5:1
 - i. The gift is imputed righteousness resulting in eternal life Rom 5:17, 18, 21, 6:23
 - ii. The gift is by the cross; it requires Christ's death for sins, burial, resurrection
 - iii. The gift is given by grace, received through faith, from God, not you - Eph 2:8-9
- c. *"the offence of one many be dead"* - Adam's offence led to the death of many (5:12)
- d. *"much more"* - What God gives is much more than what man can lose.
- e. *"gift...abounded unto many"* - God's grace to all through the cross of Jesus Christ (5:6-8)

4. 5:16-17 - Imputation and Reign

- a. 5:16 - What is imputed? Judgment imputes condemnation by one man's sin
 - i. Grace imputes justification despite many offences as a free gift
 - ii. Trying to pay for a free gift frustrates God and makes vain the cross - Gal 2:21
- b. 5:17 - Where is the power to reign? One man's offence caused death to reign in all
 - i. One man's gift causes all to reign in (eternal) life <-- much more! Rom 6:23
 - ii. *"they which receive"* - abundant grace and righteousness must be received.
 - iii. *"the gift of righteousness"* - by faith, 'upon all that believe' - Rom 5:1, 3:22

5. 5:18-19 - By One Man (4x in 5:12-19)

- a. 5:11-12 - By Christ we now received atonement. By one man sin and death to all, so...
- b. 5:18 - By the act of one we all die, and by the act of one we can all live.
 - i. Righteousness/life can reign over those who fail to obey (grace) - 2Cor 5:21
- a. 5:19 - People made sinners due to one man's sin (not law, not your disobedience)
 - i. People justified by one man's obedience (cross, not your obedience) - Phi 2:8
 - ii. Adam broke law bringing death to all. Christ obeyed bringing life to all by grace.

6. 5:20-21 - Law and Grace

- a. 5:20 - *"moreover"* - In addition, concerning the law... Rom 3:19-21
 - i. *"offence might abound"* - The law did not give life. It made sin abound.
 - ii. *"where sin abounded..."* - Where? Under the law, Christ died. Gal 3:21-24
 - iii. To think Jews can be justified by their flesh/law shows ignorance of Rom 5.
 - iv. *"grace did much more abound"* - as dispensed by God - Gal 3:25-28, Eph 3:1-2
- b. 5:21 - *"grace reign"* - which describes why God is not judging the world today.
 - i. We have the ministry of reconciliation in this dispensation of grace. 2Co 5:17-18
 - ii. The strength of sin (law) replaced by abundant grace - 1 Cor 15:56-57
 - iii. The reign of sin unto death replaced with the reign of grace unto life.
- c. *"eternal life by Jesus Christ"* - first mention of what you have as a gift through faith
 - i. In other words, *"now is the day of salvation"* by Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - ii. Being justified... we have now received the atonement. Rom 5:11

