
¹⁸ Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

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.

As grace did abound... (5:20-21)

5:20 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more

Romans 5:21 ... so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Only the absolutely unique kindness of God, revealed most fully when He died for people who hated Him, will draw selfish people toward genuine love." -Larry Crabb

On your own:

Much is said in our culture about God's love, but does it match the love revealed through Jesus on the cross?

How has His kindness, in the face of your selfishness, drawn you to Him?

What would expressing His redemptive love to someone with whom you're currently frustrated look like?

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God's Surprising Remedy

Romans 5

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The Blessings and Basis of Justification

The blessings of justification

The blessed effects of justification (5:1-5)

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Isaiah 48:22 "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

Isaiah 32:17 And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.

Romans 5:2 ... through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Access:

Grace:

Romans 5:3 *Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

⁵ *And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

We are reconciled to God by His blood (5:6-11)

Romans 5:6 *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

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

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

Romans 5:9 *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, when 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!*

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

The basis of justification

Death through Adam; life through Christ (5:12-14)

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--*

¹³ *for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, 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 was a pattern of the one to come.*

The grace of God has more power than Adam's sin had to bring misery (5:15-19)

Romans 5:15 *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!*

¹⁶ *Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the 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.*
