

Walking Through Romans to Christ

Romans chapter 5 “Amazing Grace through Christ”

Righteousness by Faith Series

REVIEW: Receiving grace and righteousness by faith (ch.4) brings us peace with God (pure and simple). God let you and I off the hook by putting Jesus on the cross for our sins. “We have access by faith [in Him] into this grace” (5:2)—this grace that lets us off the hook and sets us free from sin and its condemnation (ref. ch.4:7,8). Receiving Christ by faith we may have His righteousness and peace.

1. Peace with God—Grace!! (v.1, 2, 3-5)

- a. Have you ever committed a crime that you knew you were going to be punished for? One time, as a younger person, I accidentally knocked a hole in my mom’s living room wall. I **KNEW** this was bad news! I was going to be in trouble! Thankfully, my mom showed me grace and we were able to have peace. However, it was still my responsibility to help get the wall fixed. Peace in our families and **“Peace with God”** (v.1) are absolutely essential! Especially, we need to have “Peace with God” and the family of Heaven!! We don’t want to have the feeling of always walking around with guilt, fear, and worry. We need peace!
- b. (v.1) “Therefore...” –The conclusion of chapter 4.
- c. (v.2-5) We may have the grace of God and true hope. Also, we may have trials or tribulations along the way, but we should know that trials will come in this life to produce “perseverance,” “character, and more “hope.” God’s Spirit will fill us with His love too!

2. For people who are the most unworthy, Christ died (v.6-7)

- a. Illustration—Body guard for the President (for a good man, some would dare to die)
- b. Before anyone tried to make themselves good, Christ died for us.
- c. Not because we were good and deserved it.—No, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. (v.8) Christ shows His great love for even the most unworthy of creatures—sinful human beings!

3. Christ doesn’t stop at Justifying us. He continues to work now on Cleansing us (v.9-11)

- a. (v.9,10) Christ has “much more” to do for us!—We are to be saved by His death, and also now **by His life**. He’ll take us from our current place to a better place, if He already took us from back there to here. Christ labors as our **“High Priest”** in heaven to bring us nearer to God—to cleanse and to purify our lives (**Hebrews 4:14-17; 1 John 2:1, 2; Titus 2:11,14**).
- b. (v.11) Rejoice in God. Rejoice, Rejoice, be glad if you know you have peace with God through Jesus. (Philippians 4:4) We should be thankful always! Don’t allow the clouds of gloom and darkness to overspread your pathway. Rather, let the cheer and gladness of Christ be in your heart. Be ever reminded of His goodness and love for us!!

4. The problem of sin is dismal, but the solution is Brilliant!! (v.12-14)

- a. (v.12-13) Sin and death came upon all men from just one man—Adam. The written Law was given at Sinai (during the time of Moses). The law had not been written out for us until the time of Moses. Yet, sin was in the world!
 - b. (v.14) Sin and death reigning from Adam to Moses? The Law was not given yet from Sinai. It was not given to the people in such clearly delineated lines as the Ten Commandment tablets. But, was sin still sin? Did God still have a Law? (It's SAD that God had to stoop down to spell it out for us on Sinai). We should have known better!!
 - c. What is sin? (**1 John 3:4**)
 - d. The Sabbath day was “set apart” from the beginning as holy (Gen. 2:1-3). Cain knew it was wrong to kill his brother (Gen.4); Joseph knew it was wrong to commit adultery (**Gen. 39:9**); Abraham kept God’s statutes and laws (**Gen. 26:5**). Certainly, everyone knew about the Laws of God!! (although it was not written). “Sin was [still] in the world” even though God had not placed the written tablets into men’s hands as of that time.
5. **The Solution is “Much More” powerful than the problem. (v.15-21)**
- a. Christ is the “second Adam.” Jesus succeeded though where Adam had failed (v.14).
 - b. (v.15,16) Because of Adam’s **one sin**, “many” (all) experienced sin and death. But, because of Christ’s **one death** (for all), “many” can experience forgiveness, righteousness, and peace with God. **Adam’s sin brought condemnation** to the human race, **but Jesus’ death brought Justification** to all who’d believe and trust in Him!
 - c. (v.17,18) From **one man** (Adam) came death, suffering, and sin into the world. All were suffering under the curse of this. So, through **one man** (Jesus Christ), all may receive the “abundance of Grace” and the “gift of righteousness” leading to eternal life!!
 - d. (v.19) **“By one man’s disobedience many were made sinners...”** *Human beings became sinful creatures, being the children of Adam. Adam’s sin was the original sin of the human race, and this sin caused us to be sinners, because it separated the human family (Adam and His children) from the Holy presence of God. All men became sinful in their nature. Although Adam’s sin has given us the inheritance of sinful natures, this sin has not stood on the books against our names. We, as children of Adam, are NOT responsible for Adam’s sin, and his sin does not already stand on our records at birth (as some have taught the idea of “original sin,” thus justifying baby baptisms to save an infant soul). We have all sinned, and are therefore responsible for our own sins; not the sins of our parents. See what the Bible tells us in **Ezekiel 18:19, 20**. Every soul bears his own sin!*
 - e. **“Also, by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous” (v.19).** *Christ brings us His righteous life record to stand in the place of our sinful one. Also, He does the work within our souls that will produce true holiness of character! This is His promise! Christ will transform our lives into the same image as His (2 Corinthians 3:18).*
 - f. (v.20,21) The Law points out our offenses very clearly! Sin abounds. But, “Grace abounds much more!” Sin reigned to bring us death, but grace reigns to bring life!

Today’s Appeal: *Having Peace with God comes from realizing that God’s not holding sin against us if we’re willing to accept the grace of Jesus (John 3:17, 18). **Is it your desire to accept that grace?** _____*