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“The Grace of God in the Gospel”

A Series on Romans

Romans 5:12-21, “The Results of the Gospel”

INTRODUCTION: “Is that what’ll happen to me”¹

Romans 5:18-21, *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. [19] For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. [20] Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, [21] so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

v. 18: THE FIRST RESULT OF GRACE IS ACCUSATION

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- 1. We Got Adam’s Sin**
- 2. Therefore We Are Sinners**
- 3. Therefore We Sin**

v. 19: THE SECOND RESULT OF GRACE IS ATONEMENT

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¹ The introduction is an adaptation of 2 stories compiled into one and are taken from Out of the Saltshaker by Rebecca Manley Pippert, pages 113-117. The exposition of the text is adapted from an old message of mine, “What’s the Big Deal about Grace?” 10/27/96.

1. Christ Took Our Sin

2. We Are A New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

Ephesians 2:4-6, *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, [5] even when **we were dead** in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— [6] and **raised us up** with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”*

3. We Are Completely Forgiven

1 Peter 2:24, *“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”*

Romans 8:1-3, *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,”*

v. 20-21: THE THIRD RESULT OF GRACE IS ACCEPTANCE

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, [21] so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1. Christ Gave Us His Righteousness

2. We Are Deeply Loved

2 Corinthians 5:21, *“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

Romans 3:22-25a, *“the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the*

redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

3. We Are Totally Accepted

Colossians 1:22, *“He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him,”*

Ephesians 2:13, 18, *“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ... For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”*

APPLICATION: *Harvey’s Little Red Book*