



ROMANS

The Gospel of God

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Sunday Morning Service

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Opening Comments

- Open your Bibles to **Romans 5**
- Today, we continue the series through the letter to the Romans – **The Gospel of God!**
- Let's open this time in our service with a word of prayer. - **Pray**

Teaching

- **The Gospel of Kings and Queens!**
- I believe we are living in a time when most people are uncertain or confused about who they are.
- And many believe that their identity is something they get to choose.
- This morning, we are going to look at a text that says something about our identity that is amazing.
- Knowing who you are changes how you live.
- This is a section of contrasts.
- Adam, the first man, is contrasted to Christ, the perfect Man.
- Sin is contrasted with grace. And death is contrasted with life.
- This section begins with mankind in the abyss of sin, completely helpless to climb out.
- It then moves to God sending a Savior to bring us up out of that hopeless situation.
- It then concludes with mankind experiencing the high place God created us for through faith in Christ Jesus.
- This section begins with sin reigning over us leading to death and ends with us reigning over sin leading to life.
- Most people, including many believers, live in spiritual poverty.
- That is not what God created us for (**1 Peter 2:9**).
- ...**you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...**
- We are God's children. We are kids of the King.

- It is by faith in Christ and submission to the Holy Spirit that we learn to live like kings and queens in God's kingdom.
- **Romans 5:12-13**
- Paul is using Adam (literally mankind), the first human, to describe the fallen nature of all mankind.
- If you or I had been where Adam was, we would have done the same thing.
- This is one of the foundational truths of Christianity.
- Everyone has sinned because we have a fallen nature that can be traced all the way back to Adam and Eve.
- It is so foundational that if you don't believe it, you can't be saved (**1 John 1:8; 10**).

**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us... ¹⁰
If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

- Paul is saying that sin existed before the Law that defines sin as sin.
- The law doesn't make sin sinful.
- The Law teaches us to recognize sin.

- **Romans 5:14**

- God told Adam what the consequence of sin would be (**Genesis 2:16-17**).

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- The consequence for sin, any sin, is death.
- And because Adam sinned, death entered the world, and he died.
- Death was not God's plan for the human experience.
- But Adam sinned, and then all mankind imitated him and sinned, therefore death is the reality of human life.
- There is no point in wondering what life might have been if Adam hadn't sinned.
- Verse closes saying Adam is a type of Him who was to come.
- A type is an example, a symbol, a model, or a pattern.
- The 'Him' in those verses is Christ Jesus.

- **Roman 5:15**

- Adam is pattern or symbol of Christ, not because they are similar but because they are dissimilar.

- Their lives affected countless lives.
- Adam brought death – Jesus brings life.
- In fact, Jesus brings life to the dead!
- **Romans 5:16**
- The result of Adam's life and sin is judgment and death.
- The result of Christ's perfect life and sacrifice is justification. (**Bible Doctrine – Wayne Grudem**)

Justification: An instantaneous legal act of God in which He (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in His sight.

- Adam's one sin brought death to humanity.
- Christ's one sacrifice brought forgiveness for people's sins.
- **Romans 5:17**
- Christ gives to man far more than mankind lost in Adam.
- The abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness is infinitely greater than what we lost in Adam.
- **Romans 5:18-19**
- Adam's disobedience was an attempt to be like God.
- Turn to **Philippians 2**
- All sin, in some way, is an attempt to be God in your life.
- That is a very hard thing for many to believe but if you could dig down to the root of why we sin, it is because we want control over our lives.
- Jesus, God in the flesh, was obedient to God the Father.
- **Philippians 2:5-11**
- As bad as what Adam did was, Christ's obedience is far greater and results in our rescue from the hopelessness of sin and death.
- Turn back to **Romans 5**
- If we want to experience the fullness of God's grace, as Christ did, we must confront the reality that sin leads to death, and humbly walk in faithful obedience to God which leads to life.
- **Romans 5:20**
- The Law was not given so that humans would know how to do what was right.
- They are incapable of being righteous in the eyes of God.

- The Law was given so that people could become aware of sin.
- For grace to work, someone must come to the end of themselves and realize that without God, they are lost.
- All sin brings pain and suffering into our lives.
- Some people have an amazing tolerance for pain and suffering and they will have to endure a terrible amount before they will surrender and give their life to Christ.
- Some respond to the grace of God quickly, and they don't require pain and suffering to bring them to Christ.
- It should fill us with awe at the depth of God's love and the immeasurable riches of His grace.
- My wife Kelly was saved as a young girl.
- I was saved at the age of forty.
- God's grace abounded more to me because I rebelled against Him so much longer than she did.
- And it makes me as grateful as my fallen heart can be that God was gracious to me. (R. Kent Hughes)

"Grace is always more abundant than sin."

- No matter how low someone might go, no matter how sinful or wicked they might become, there is always more grace than there is sin.
- This is not something that applies just to salvation.
- Sadly, try as we might not to sin, we do.
- This can be very discouraging and frustrating.
- And that is especially true if our sin is affecting other people.
- God's grace abounds more and more.
- As believers, we should not sin.
- But when we do, we can be forgiven (**1 John 1:9**).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Repent/confess and God's grace will cover that sin, and you will be forgiven.
- There is no limit to God's grace – it is infinite.
- No one is beyond the grace of Christ.
- **Romans 8:21**

- As believers we have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of God, Christ Jesus.
- As Christ-followers we are not just lowly subjects in the kingdom of God (**Romans 8:16-17**).

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

- And in another place Paul expounds upon that (**2 Timothy 2:11**).

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. ¹² If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

- Back in verse 17, Paul said that “those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”
- Brothers and sisters, we have the blessing of eternal life promised to us.
- As believers, that is an absolute certainty.
- The question we must all answer in our heart is will we live as Kings or Queens in this life.
- What does it mean to live as a king or queen in the kingdom of God?
- It begins by never forgetting where we came from and the grace that was given to us to drag us out of the abyss of our sin.
- Second, we must never forget the greatness of Christ’s sacrifice for us.
- And then, walking in the faith that God gives us.
- Being heavenly royalty carries serious responsibility.
- I represent the King of Heaven.
- Everything I do reflects upon God and His kingdom.
- On the other hand, because I am a child of the King of heaven, I can go about this life with the knowledge that God is watching over me to protect me, provide for me, lead me, and give me anything I need to represent Him well.
- We can, by faith walk through this life boldly, confidently, and fearlessly because we represent God on this earth.
- One of the blessings of God’s amazing grace is that by faith in Christ you have been elevated to a role you will never achieve in this world – you are heavenly royalty.
- As we grow in faith, we learn how to live like that is true.

- **Pray! Communion! Last Song!**