

Title ideas:
The Gospel of Grace!
The Gospel of the Gift of Grace!
The Gospel of Kings and Queens!

Romans 5:12-21 - The Gospel of Kings and Queens!

Scriptures:

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...

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.

¹² Therefore, just as through one man ~~sin~~ ~~xxx~~

Notes:

Some view the ten verses we are going to examine this morning as one of the greatest theologian sections in the entire Bible. That presents us with quite a challenge – to try to make clear something as deep as this is.

entered the world, and death ~~sin~~ ~~xxx~~, and

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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.

thus death spread to all men, because all

G1330 – pass through, penetrate.

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).

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). 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.

~~sin~~ ~~xxx~~—

[Verses 12-14] **The Ruin of Mankind**
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.

Scriptures:

¹³ (For until the law ~~sin~~ ~~xxx~~ was in the world, but

Notes:

Paul is saying that sin existed before the Law that defines sin as sin. The law doesn't make sin sinful. The law just defines what sin is.

~~sin~~ ~~xxx~~ is not imputed when there is no law.

G1677 – charge to an account.

Scriptures:

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."

¹⁴ Nevertheless death [☠]reigned [👑]from Adam ^Ato

G936 – be a king, control completely.

Notes:

God told Adam what the consequence of sin would be (Genesis 2:16-17). The consequence for sins, 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 sin was passed down to all mankind, therefore death is the reality of human life. There is no point in wondering what life might have been if Adam hadn't sinned. Heaven will give us the best answer we might come up with.

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.

Moses, even over those who had not ~~sin~~sinned

according to the likeness

of the ~~transgression~~ of Adam ^A, who is a type

G3847 – "transgression n. — the action of going beyond or overstepping some moral boundary or limit."

G5179 – as an example, model, pattern.

of Him ⁺who was to come.

Scriptures:

15 But the free gift ^{↓ ↓} is not like the offense ^{× × ×}. For
G5486 – gracious gift. G3900 -

Notes:
[Verses 15-19] **The Rescue of Mankind**

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!

if by the one man's [♂] offense many [ⓧ] died, much

more the grace ^{↓ ↓} of God and the gift ^{↓ ↓} by the
G1431 -

grace ^{↓ ↓} of the one Man, [⌢] Jesus [⌢] Christ,
G5485 -

abounded ^{↓ ↓} to many.
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¹⁶ And the gift ~~is~~ not like ~~that~~ which came

Notes:

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 belong 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 millennia of people's sins. Adam and Christ are not the same, as the Mormons might try to convince us to believe - heresy.

through the one who sinned. For the

judgment which came from one offense

G2917 -

resulted in condemnation, but the free gift

G2631 -

which came from many offenses resulted in

justification.

G1345 -

17 For if by the one man's offense death

Notes:

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.

reigned through the one, much more those

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who receive abundance of grace and of the

gift of righteousness will reign in life through

the One, Jesus Christ.)

Scriptures:

Philippians 2:5-11 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense ~~xxx~~

Notes:

[Verses 18-19] Adam's disobedience was an attempt to be like God. All sin, in some way, is an attempt to be God in your life.

Christ was obedient to God (Philippians 2:5-11).

judgment came to all men, resulting in [♂]

[⚡] condemnation, even so through one Man's [⚔]

righteous act [Ⓚ] *the free gift came* to all men, [♂]

resulting in justification of life. [Ⓚ] [⚔]

Scriptures:

19 For as by one man's disobedience many

G3876 –
unwillingness to
hear.

Notes:

As bad as what Adam did, Christ's obedience is far greater and results in our rescue from the hopelessness of sin and death.

were made sinners, so also by one Man's

obedience many will be made righteous.

Scriptures:

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.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense

Notes:

[Verses 20-21] The Reign of Mankind

The Law was not given so that humans would know how to do what was right. It also showed them what was not right. They are incapable of being righteous in the eyes of God. The Law was given so that people become aware of sin. For grace to work, someone 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.

might abound. But where sin abounded,

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.

grace abounded much more,

This is not something that applies just to salvation. Sadly, try as we might to not sin, we do. This can be very discouraging. 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). 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.

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. (Hughes, 1991) page 118

"Grace is always more abundant than sin."

Scriptures:

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.

2 Timothy 2:10-11 - 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.

21 so that as ~~sin~~^{xxx} ^{king} reigned in death, even so

[↓] grace might ^{king} reign through ~~righteousness~~^{righteousness} to

[→] eternal life through Jesus Christ our ^{king} Lord.

Notes:

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

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 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.

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