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part 6

Salvation is a Big Deal

Reveling in Our New Alliance with Christ



Romans 5:15-21

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!
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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 .
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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 & the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.
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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.
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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 .
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²⁰ The law was added so that the trespass might increase.	But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,
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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.
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1. Understand _____ (vv.15-21)

2. Joyfully _____ (vv.15, 17, 21)

3. Appreciate _____ (vv.16, 17, 20)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How does the parallel between the certainty of death and the certainty of eternal life in this passage help you to trust completely in the finished work of Christ? How has this Adam-Christ paradigm helped you to understand grace?

What practical and specific response would you provide to a person who tells you he is always uncertain about whether he is accepted by God? How would you diagnose this kind of problem?

2. In what ways does the church today tend to express an "over-realized eschatology" (i.e., the error that all of God's benefits are to be realized here and now)?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:51-55**. How does the "change" discussed in this passage and the "future tense" of the verbs in this passage keep you from discouragement?

3. How should Christians deal with feelings of guilt in their lives? What is the benefit and the danger of this emotion?
4. How can you specifically celebrate the grace of God that is more abundant than your sin?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

October 11th

Jer.21-22 & Phil.2

October 12th

Jer.23-24 & Phil.3

October 13th

Jer.25-26 & Phil.4

October 14th

Jer.27-28 & Col.1

October 15th

Jer.29-30 & Col.2

October 16th

Jer.31-32 & Col.3

October 17th

Jer.33-34 & Col.4

October 18th

Jer.35-36 & 1Th.1

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0709 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

CD # 0615 – **A Crash Course in Justification and Sanctification**

CD # 0656 – **Tempted to Trust in Something Other Than Christ**

CD # 0215—0218 – **All You Need (a 4-part series on "How Grace Can Transform Your Life")**

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Boice, James Montgomery. **Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace?** Crossway Books, 2001.

Bridges, Jerry, Bob Bevington, et al. **The Great Exchange: My Sin for His Righteousness.** Crossway, 2007.

Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love.** Baker Books, 2001.

Guinness, Os. **God in the Dark: The Assurance of Faith Beyond a Shadow of Doubt.** Crossway Books, 1996.

Jeffery, Steve, et al. **Pierced for Our Transgressions: Rediscovering the Glory of Penal Substitution.** Crossway, 2007.

Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied.** Eerdmans, 1984.

Owen, John. **Christians Are Forever.** Reprint, Grace Publications, 1993.

_____. **Overcoming Sin & Temptation.** Crossway Books, 2006.

Piper, John. **Counted Righteous: Should we Abandon the Imputation of Christ's Righteousness?** Crossway, 2002.

_____. **Future Grace: The Purifying Power of Living by Faith.** Multnomah Press, 1998.

Seifrid, Mark A. **Christ, Our Righteousness: Paul's Theology of Justification.** InterVarsity, 2001.

Spurgeon, C. H. **All of Grace.** Whitaker House, 1985.

Vickers, Brian. **Jesus' Blood and Righteousness: Paul's Theology of Imputation.** Crossway, 2009.