

ROMANS 5

1. After the theme “All People are Unrighteous Before God,” what is the next theme?
-“The Righteousness of God Alone Saves Us.”
2. What does Romans 3:21 teach us?
-That our righteousness comes from God alone.
3. How does God give us His righteousness apart from the law?
-Through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. What does Romans 3:21 mean by the Law and the Prophets?
-The Word of God in the Old Testament.
5. To what does the Law and the Prophets testify?
-That our righteousness can never come from ourselves and therefore, must come from God.
6. What is the lesson of God providing animal skins for Adam and Eve and putting the animal skins on them?
-Only God is righteous, and only God can give righteousness to us.
7. In Romans 3:22, what are God and Paul teaching?
-God and Paul are teaching that the righteousness of God the Father is God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
-The Lord Jesus Christ is the righteousness of God the

Father and our righteousness as well.

8. What are the two steps of justification?
-The first step is that God sends our sins to the cross where the blood of Christ has completely paid for them.
-The second step is that God gives us the righteousness of Christ as our own.
9. What is redemption?
-To redeem means to save, to deliver, or to buy back.
-To redeem means that Jesus has bought us, and that He has bought us for Himself.
10. If God has saved us, why can no one or nothing change this?
-Because the blood and death of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most powerful force in all of eternity.

-With this lesson, we are continuing with the theme, “The Righteousness of God Alone Saves Us.”

Let’s read Romans 5:1

- 1-Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-What happens when God justifies Christians?

-Because our sin has been paid for, our sin is gone.

-Because our sin is gone, God's anger against our sin is gone.

-Because God's anger against our sin is gone, we have peace with God.

-When Adam and Eve sinned, they were separated from God.

-When Adam and Eve sinned, their friendship with God was gone.

-When Adam and Eve sinned, their peace with God was gone.

-Because all people are born into sin, we were all born as enemies of God.

-Because of God's anger for our sin, we were all born as enemies of God.

-Yet, because of Christ's death for us, we are now at peace with God.

-For the Christian, is peace with God only temporary?

-No.

-If we believe in Christ, our peace with God is forever.

-Even more, our peace with God is the Lord Jesus Christ.

-At times, we may not feel at peace with God.

-Yet, for the Christian, we always have peace with God because the Lord Jesus Christ has become our peace.

-In simple mathematics:

-Our Jesus Christ equals (=) our peace.

Let's read Romans 5:2a

2-Through [Christ] we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

-What does Romans 5:2 teach us?

-Through Jesus Christ, we have gained access to God.

-What does it mean to gain access to God?

-In the tabernacle and in the temple, what was the purpose of the curtain which separated the Most Holy room from the Holy Room?

-The purpose of the curtain was to teach us that God is so holy that He is separated from people.

-Except for the high priest only once a year, what would happen if someone were to go into the Most Holy room?

-They would be struck dead by God.

-When Christ died, why did God tear the curtain in two?

-Because Christ's death has given us access to God.

-What does it mean to gain access to God?

-It means that because of Christ's death, we can enter into God's presence.

-Romans 5:2 also tells us that we have access by faith into God's grace.

-It is only God's grace that saves us.

-If God's grace alone saves us, then what is the purpose of our faith?

-To admit that God's grace alone has saved us.

-To acknowledge that God's grace alone has saved us.

-Our faith is that which says "Yes" to the truth that God's grace alone can save us.

-Which is more powerful—God's grace or man's sin?

-God's grace.

-No sin is too great for the grace of God to pay for with the blood of Christ.

-The grace of God is greater than any sin.

-The grace of God is greater than all of the sins in the world.

Let's read Romans 5:2b-4

2-And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

3-Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance.

4-Perseverance, character; and character, hope.

-What should Christians rejoice in?

-The hope of the glory of God.

-What is the glory of God?

-It is the eternal and extreme beauty of God.

-It is the eternal and extreme perfection of God.

-It is the eternal and extreme holiness of God.

-The glory of God is far beyond that which we can think or imagine.

-God has already begun to share His glory with us here on earth.

-Yet when we arrive in heaven, we will receive the totality of His glory.

-In heaven, Christians will see the glory of God up close.

-In heaven, God Himself will clothe us with His own glory.

-In heaven, Christians will share in the glory of God forever.

-Before He was crucified, Jesus said this to God the Father in John 17:22:

-“The glory you have given me, I have given to them.”

-As Christians, we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

-What else do God and Paul say that we rejoice in?

-As Christians, we rejoice in suffering.

-Why do we rejoice in suffering?

-Because suffering produces perseverance.

-Because perseverance produces character.

-Because character produces hope.

-As Christians, why should we not only accept, but also rejoice when we have problems?

-Because problems force us to call on God in prayer.

-Because problems force us to depend on God to help us through life.

-Because problems help us to understand that nothing and no one can take away our faith in God.

-Because God uses problems to remind us that we are forever His children.

-What happens when everything is going well in our lives?

-We start to think that we are strong in ourselves.

-We start to think that we do not need God for everything.

-Yet when we have problems, we call on God for help.

-It is during the time of suffering that our faith in God is strengthened.

Let's read Romans 5:5

5-And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

-What does hope do for the Christian?

-Hope helps us to continue on in life even though we have problems.

-Hope helps us to see that God is with us in the midst of our problems.

-Hope helps us to see that the problems of this world are nothing compared to what God has prepared for us in eternity.

Let's read Romans 5:6

6-You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

-While we were powerless to escape from our sin, Christ died for us.

-While we were powerless to resist Satan, Christ died for us.

-While we were powerless to come to God, Christ died for us.

Let's read Romans 5:7-8

7-Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

8-But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

-In these verses, God and Paul give us an illustration of God's great love for us.

-How many of you are willing to die for someone else, even though they might be good?

-Not very many.

-What about your enemies?

-How many of you are willing to die for your enemies?

-What do people usually do to their enemies?

-They fight them and try to kill them.

-Will people normally die to save an enemy?

-No.

-Yet Christ died for us, even though we were His enemies because of our sin.

-Do you see how strong God's love is for us?

-While we were enemies of God because of our sin, Christ died for us.

-Even though people hate God, God still loves them and wants to save them.

-Even though God hates sin, He still loves us and wants to save us.

-There is no greater love in eternity than God's love for His people.

Let's read Romans 5:9-10

9-Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

10-For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how

much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

-In the first part of Romans 5:9, what does “justified by his blood” mean?

-This means that we, as Christians, have already been saved by the blood of Christ.

-What are these two verses teaching us?

-If it is true that Christ has saved us with His blood even though we were enemies,

-Then it is even more true that Christ will also save us from the wrath of God against sin which will come.

-Here is this truth in a simpler form:

-If it is true that Christ has saved us, then it is even more true that Christ will keep us saved.

-If we were saved while we were still enemies of God, then God will continue to help us now that we are children of God.

Let's read Romans 5:11

11-Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have

now received reconciliation.

-To summarize the first part of Romans 5:

-Grace is from Christ.

-Hope is from Christ.

-Love is from Christ.

-Eternal life is from Christ.

-Our peace with God is from Christ.

-Our righteousness is from Christ.

-Every blessing is from Christ.

-Because every blessing that we have as Christians is from Christ, we can rejoice.

-We can rejoice, if we can only remember that every blessing is from Christ.

-To begin our study on the second part of Romans 5, God and Paul talk of the kingdom of Adam and Christ.

-First, let us look at the kingdom of Adam:

Let's read Romans 5:12

12-Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

-While Satan was the first to sin, how did sin enter the world?

-Through one man.

-Who was this one man?

-Adam.

-How did death enter the world?

-Through sin.

-Why has death come to all people?

-Because all have sinned.

-Why were Cain and Abel born into sin?

-Because they were the children of Adam.

-Why are all people born into sin?

-Because all people are the children of Adam.

-Here is an illustration:

-When a baby is in the mother's womb, the baby must go where the mother goes.

-What happens to the mother also happens to the baby.

-If the mother dies, the baby will also die.

-Here is another illustration:

-If your father and mother are black, what color are you?

-Black.

-If your father and mother are white, what color are you?

-White.

-This is why all people are like Adam.

-Because Adam lived outside of the Garden of Eden, all people are born outside of the Garden of Eden.

-Because Adam lived separated from God, all people are born separated from God.

-Because Adam's heart became sinful, all people are born with sinful hearts.

-How can we know that we were born into sin?

-Because all people die.

-If we were not born into sin, then we would not die.

-What does the kingdom of Adam teach us?

-That Adam's sin has brought sin and death to us all.

-The kingdom of Adam is the kingdom of sin.

-The kingdom of Adam is the kingdom of death.

-From the kingdom of Adam, we now look at the kingdom of Christ.

Let's read Romans 5:18-19

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.

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.

-Because of Adam's one act of sin, all people are condemned to death.

-Yet because of Christ's one act of righteousness on the cross, all people who believe in Him are given life.

-Because of Adam's disobedience, all people are made sinful.

-Yet because of Christ's obedience, all people who believe in Him are made righteous.

Let's read Romans 5:20-21

20-The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

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.

-Before God gave Moses and Israel His law, did people sin?

-Yes.

-If God did not give His law, would people still sin?

-Yes.

-Then why did God give His law?

-To teach us about our sin.

-To teach us what sin is and how sinful we are.

-To teach us that the kingdom of Adam and the kingdom of sin brings only death.

-With the death and resurrection of Christ, what kingdom does God offer us?

-The kingdom of Christ.

-The kingdom of Christ is a kingdom without sin.

-The kingdom of Christ is a kingdom without death.

-The kingdom of Christ is a kingdom of eternal life.

-If we believe in Christ, we are no longer in Adam, but rather in Christ.

-If we die in Adam, then we can live in Christ.