

Romans 5:12-21

Death in Adam, Life in Christ pt. 9

Romans 5:12–21 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

¹⁶ And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification.

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *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.

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introduction

Galatians 1:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

AW Pink

“There is a continual need to return to the great fundamental of the faith. As long as the age lasts

the Gospel of God's grace must be preached. The need arises out of the natural state of the human heart, which is essentially legalistic. The cardinal error against which the Gospel has to contend is the...tendency of men to rely on their own performances. The great antagonist to the truth is the pride of man, which causes him to imagine that he can be, in part at least, his own savior. This error is the prolific mother of a multitude of heresies. It is by this falsehood that the pure stream of God's truth, passing through human channels, has been polluted.

Review

Lesson

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- I. The Abounding Nature of Sin
- II. The SuperAbounding Nature of Grace
- III. The Sovereign Purpose of Salvation

I. The Abounding Nature of Sin

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But

e: but, and, now, (a connective or adversative particle)

Original Word: δε

Part of Speech: Conjunction

Transliteration: de

Phonetic Spelling: (deh)

Definition: but, and, now, (a connective or adversative particle)

1. universally, by way of opposition and distinction; it is added to statements opposed to a preceding statement:

5. it serves to mark a transition to something new (δέ metabatic); by this use of the particle, the new addition is distinguished from and, as it were, opposed to what goes before

6. it introduces explanations and separates them from the things to be explained:

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where

3757. **οὐ̂ hou**; gen. of 3739; where (adv. of place):— there(1), where(21), **wherever***(1), which(1).

Thomas, R. L. (1998). *New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition*. Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc.

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οὐ̂ δὲ ἐπλεόνασεν ἡ ἁμαρτία,
ὑπερεπερίσσευσεν ἡ χάρις,

sin

ἡ ἁμαρτία,

Sin is has definite article. “the Sin”
what sin?

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Romans 5:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one,

Romans 5:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man’s offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation,

Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners,

This is sin in the broadest definition.

1 John 3:4 (NKJV)

4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

anomia: lawlessness

Original Word: ἀνομία, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: anomia

Phonetic Spelling: (an-om-ee'-ah)

Definition: lawlessness

Usage: lawlessness, iniquity, disobedience, sin.

458 ἀνομία (from [1](#) /A "not" and /νόμος, "law") –

properly, without law;

lawlessness; the utter disregard for God's law (His written and living Word)

20b But where sin **abounded**, grace abounded much more,

οὐ δὲ ἐπλεόνασεν ἡ ἁμαρτία,
ὑπερεπερίσσευσεν ἡ χάρις,

abounded

ἐπλεόνασεν Aorist Active Ind

pleonazó:, to make to abound

Original Word: πλεονάζω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: pleonazó

Phonetic Spelling: (pleh-on-ad'-zo)

Definition: to make to abound

Usage: I have more than enough; I abound, increase.

4121 pleonázō (from 4119 /pleíōn, "greater in number") – properly, abounding in number (quantity).

20b But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

So wherever sin abounded, increase in number, wherever blatant disregard for the Law of God increased

Wherever

Genesis 3:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

Genesis 6:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Romans 1:29–31 (NKJV)

²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

In the future we are told of the increase of sin.

Matthew 24:12 (NKJV)

¹² **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.**

More specifically, is the abounding sin in your life.

All have sin and Guilt

Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ As it is written:

“There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ *There is none who understands;*

There is none who seeks after God.

¹² *They have all turned aside;*

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one.”

Romans 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

Romans 2:1 (NKJV)

² Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ For *there is* not a just man on earth who does good
And does not sin.

Job 15:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “What *is* man, that he could be pure?

And *he who is* born of a woman, that he could be righteous?

- ¹⁵ If *God* puts no trust in His saints,
 And the heavens are not pure in His sight,
¹⁶ How much less man, *who is* abominable and filthy,
 Who drinks iniquity like water!

Psalm 143:2 (NKJV)

- ² Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
 For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

Proverbs 20:9 (NKJV)

- ⁹ Who can say, “I have made my heart clean,
 I am pure from my sin”?

1 John 1:8–10 (NKJV)

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Sins Abound,

Lying and cheating abound
 Murder and adultery abound
 Laziness and Lust Abound
 Prostitution and pornography Abounds

Abuse and Abortion Abound
 Fornication and Homosexuality Abound
 Theft and Drunkenness abound
 Sorcery and Drug abuse abound
 Hatred and Hostility Abound
 Divorce and Discord Abound
 Gossip and Greed Abound
 Idolatry and False Religions Abound

Luke 7:40–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said to him, “**Simon, I have something to say to you.**”

So he said, “Teacher, say it.”

⁴¹ “**There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.**

⁴² **And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?”**

⁴³ Simon answered and said, “I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more.”

And He said to him, “**You have rightly judged.**”

⁴⁴ Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “**Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head.**

⁴⁵ **You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.** ⁴⁶ You did not

anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are many*, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

I. The Abounding Nature of Sin

II. The SuperAbounding Nature of Grace

20b But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

grace abounded

huperperisseuó: to abound more exceedingly

Original Word: ὑπερπερισσεύω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: huperperisseuó

Phonetic Spelling: (hoop-er-per-is-syoo'-o)

Definition: to abound more exceedingly

5248 hyperperisseuō (from 5228 /hypér, "beyond" and 4052 /perisseuō, "abundantly, exceeding") – properly, beyond what already exceeds, i.e. ultra (super) abounds.

4052 *perisseuō* (from 4012 /perí, "all-around" which indicates **abundance or surplus**) – properly, exceed, go beyond the expected measure, i.e. above and beyond ("more than . . . "); "what goes further (more), surpasses" (J. Thayer).

2 Corinthians 7:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. ***I am exceedingly joyful*** in all our tribulation.

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⁴ I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, ***I am overflowing*** with joy.

[The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (2 Co 7:4). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Paul can never be accused of minimizing the seriousness of sin, but he does not lose an opportunity of stressing the victory of grace. Grace is so much more effective than evil.

Morris, L. (1988). *The Epistle to the Romans* (p. 242). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

Grace has superabounded. After sin has held men sunk in ruin, grace then comes to their help: for he teaches us, that the abundance of grace becomes for this reason more illustrious,—that while sin is overflowing, it pours itself forth so exuberantly, that it not only overcomes the flood of sin, but wholly absorbs it. And we may hence learn, that our condemnation is not set before us in the law, that we may abide in it; but that having fully known our misery, we may be led to Christ, who is sent to be a physician to the sick, a deliverer to the captives, a comforter to the afflicted, a defender to the oppressed. (Is. 61:1.)

Calvin, J., & Owen, J. (2010). Commentary on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans (p. 215). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Isaiah 1:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “Come now, and let us reason together,”
Says the Lord,
“Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;
 Though they are red like crimson,
 They shall be as wool.

- ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
 You shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel,
 You shall be devoured by the sword”;
 For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

2 Corinthians 3:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away, ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

Isaiah 43:25 (NKJV)

- ²⁵ “I, *even I, am* He who blots out your transgressions
 for My own sake;
 And I will not remember your sins.

Jeremiah 3:6–13 (NKJV)

⁶ The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: “Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot.

⁷ And I said, after she had done all these *things*, ‘Return to Me.’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. ⁸ Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹ So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. ¹⁰ And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense,” says the Lord.

¹¹ Then the Lord said to me, “Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah.

¹² Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say:

‘Return, backsliding Israel,’ says the Lord;

‘I will not cause My anger to fall on you.

For I *am* merciful,’ says the Lord;

‘I will not remain angry forever.

¹³ Only acknowledge your iniquity,

That you have transgressed against the Lord your God,.....

Micah 7:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You,
Pardoning iniquity
And passing over the transgression of the remnant of
His heritage?
He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights *in* mercy.
¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us,
And will subdue our iniquities.
You will cast all our sins
Into the depths of the sea.

1 Corinthians 6:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 1:6–7 (NKJV)

⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:1–7 (NKJV)

2 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:12–17 (NKJV)

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace

of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Titus 3:3–7 (NKJV)

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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III. The Sovereign Purpose of Salvation

Romans 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ so that **as** sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ἵνα ὥσπερ ἐβασίλευσεν ἡ ἁμαρτία ἐν τῷ θανάτῳ, οὕτως καὶ ἡ χάρις βασιλεύσῃ διὰ δικαιοσύνης εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν.

as

5618 hōsper (an emphatic adverb, derived from 4007 /per, "indeed" intensifying 5613 /hōs, "as") – "indeed just as," "just exactly like."

Matthew 12:40 (NKJV)

⁴⁰ **For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

Matthew 24:37 (NKJV)

37 **But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

Romans 5:21 (NKJV)

21 so that as **sin reigned in death**, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

sin reigned in death

Sin ruled, controlled, and affected everything. All were affected by it.

death brings destruction

devastation

decay

discouragement

Anxiety

hopelessness

termination

finality

the end

condemnation

BUT

even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

grace brings the opposite

Life

order

beauty

faith, hope, love, purity, happiness, fulfillment. purpose, encouragement, Joy eternal life.

This is what will rule thru Christ.

Victory over sin

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Encouragement for Life

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Assurance for Future

1 Peter 5:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

Eternal Life

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 10:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ **And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.**

But there is more Here!!

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so that

21. *So that* introduces a clause of purpose (as in v. 20). The purpose of the superabundant grace was to replace the reign of sin. *Sin reigned*

Morris, L. (1988). *The Epistle to the Romans* (p. 242). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

Final ἵνα [*hina*] here, **the purpose of God** and the goal for us through Christ. Lightfoot notes the force of the aorist indicative (ἐβασίλευσεν [*ebasileusen*], established its throne) and the aorist subjunctive (βασίλευσῃ [*basileusēi*], might establish its throne)

Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Ro 5:21). Nashville, TN: Broadman Press.

Sin was set in place so that Grace would Rule the future.

Ephesians 1:3–7 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His

will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Romans 9:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “*For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*” ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

Romans 9:22–24 (NKJV)

²² What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, ²⁴ *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?