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This week is versus 18 and 19 of Romans chapter 5. Romans 5:18-19. These are God's words. 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 to all men. Resulting in justification of life.

For us by one man's disobedience. Many. Were made, sinners. So also by one man's obedience. Many. Will be made righteous. So far, the reading of God's. Inspired and inherent word. Just been 3 weeks since we're in Romans 5 together. So, it's helpful, I think to go back to where This sentence began.

Especially. Since verse 18 is probably where the thought of verse 12 picks up. Therefore just us through one man, sin entered the world and death through sin and thus death spread to all men because all sinned Therefore, as through one man's offense, To all men, resulted condemnation. That's the completion of the thought, but there was this Interruption this long parenthesis and versus 13 through 17 in which we heard first in verses, 12 through 14, or verse 13.

And 14, about the reality of the federal headship of Christ of his representing us and our union with him through faith that when we believe in him and have him as our federal head, we are united to him. And this reality was presented through the lens, or through the window or the reflection, the comparison of the fact of Adam's Federal headship and our union with Adam, that's easier to see Because we can see how sinful everyone is.

And we can see how sinful we are and we know in our hearts that we are worthy of death that we are worthy of God's wrath. And so since we can see that we were in Adam when he sinned we can see our sinfulness, we know our guilt, The reality of federal headship and union with our federal head is easily proven through Adam.

And that's what he showed us in versus 13. And 14.

Then in verses 15 through 17. He takes this fact of our being represented by the Lord Jesus if we believe in him and are being united to the Lord Jesus. If we believe in him, And he shows that. The benefits that we get through being represented to Christ are so much greater than the harm.

That came to us through being represented by Adam and the benefits that come to us by being united to Christ are even greater than the harm that came to us. But being united to Adam, that's what we heard last time, was that, this is not a balanced comparison in which, if you are in Adam, you get a certain quantity of blessed of curse and if you come to me in Christ, you get a corresponding quantity.

Of blessing. No, the blessedness that is in. Jesus is infinitely greater than the cursiveness that was in Adam. And it's at that point that we come now to verses 18 and 19 this evening, in which this Blessedness in Christ in this cursedness and Adam. Is given. Two in two different areas or of two different types.

First. That if we are in Adam, then we are in Adams judicial status. But if we are in Christ, we are brought into Christ's judicial status. And then in the second place, that if we are in Adam, then we are in Adam's, moral state. But if we are in Christ, We are being brought into and have already been given the nature that belongs to the Lord Jesus.

Christ's Moral. State. They theological. Reality already in our Positional sanctification. But it will be when God is finished. The work that he has begun in us, which we are confident that he will do. It will be an experiential reality. And our glorification. So those are the two things before us tonight, that whatever, whoever our federal head is, In verse 18.

We are together with him in the same judicial status. That he is in. Or was in. Since Adam is not even in himself anymore, but is in the Lord, Jesus, through faith, that we are in the judicial, status of our federal head. And then in verse 19, that we are brought into the moral state of our federal head.

Now, if you were reading along as we were reading from the New King James Version and you weren't reading From the outline that I passed out. I think the italics are removed in the outline that I passed out, but if you're reading in a copy, Of a new King James Bible.

You probably noticed that there are a lot of italicized words in verse 18. And that's because they are supplying a number of things in their translation. So what I've done is I've supplied for you on the outline, a much more Literal. Translation through one transgression. To all men, came condemnation.

Through one righteousness. To all men came. Justification of life that the therefore and the even. So are also therefore As through one transgression to all men came condemnation, even so, or so or thus through one righteousness. Or this is this is describing the righteous action through one righteous act.

To all men came. Justification of life. And so it's describing the action of Adam when he transgressed the government of works. And it's talking about the action of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he? Redeemed us by his blood. On the cross. Yes, the Lord Jesus has done many righteous acts and they are counted for us as if we had done that, very obedience that he has rendered.

So for instance children, When one of our children dishonors, his father, or his mother, and we are disciplining and instructing and we talk to him or talk to her. About their only hope that they can have and why it is that we're doing what we're doing. We're doing what we're doing because it's what God says to do.

And the reason we're doing what God says to do is because he is the one who has given Christ for sinners. And when we believe in Jesus Christ, not only does his death, put away all of our sins, but all of his righteous actions are counted for us. And so you are counted before God, if you believe in Jesus Christ, as if you had never once.

In your whole life, dishonored your mother. Dishonored your father. You're the only ever thought respect respectfully about them only ever spoken respectfully to them had always not just obey them but obey them right away and all the way and cheerfully Oh that we had done so, but before God, it is, as if we had done so, Because Christ's obedience is counted.

For those who believe in him. But the great act of his obedience. The act that has brought us out of a state of condemnation and brought us into the state of justification of life, is the righteous act of offering himself up for us on the cross. This was the greatest of all of the obedience that the Lord Jesus rendered in his earthly life.

For this reason, he says, the father loves me. Because I lay down my life for the sheep. It was the most lovable thing that he had ever done everything he did. Was pleasing to the father was exactly. According to the law of God, was exactly. According to the character of God and yet, this was the one righteous act.

That was the greatest of his obedience and it was that particular obedience. Through which we By faith in him by union with him are brought out of the state or status. Sorry we're using status and state in a very distinct way. I should be careful about that tonight, out of the status, the standing of Jack condemnation before God and into the status or the standing of being righteous before God out of being guilty before God and into being innocent before God.

And you can see then the original status that every one of us has as we come into this world, the status into which we came in, Adam, when he's in, we send in him, we died in him, we became guilty. And so, the scripture here says through one transgression to all men came condemnation.

Not just guilty feelings before God. But an actual judicial standing of being guilty. Before the holy god, before the righteous and just got A standing of being hateful. To God's goodness. So that God himself is not hateful, but evil sin, is hateful to his goodness. God does not have wrath in himself so much as an eternal perfection.

Because in in God, from all eternity, there is only righteousness and holiness and justice. But when we sin, When we send an atom. We fell with him became wicked. Then all of the holiness of god, all of the righteousness of God, all of the justice of God. Rightly justly bends, it's Fury.

It's hatred. Upon who we are what we have done. A condition of course, that could not last. For those whom the Lord had for known. Then predestined. Therefore, would must call and justify and glorify. But a genuine condition nonetheless. Through Adams one act because he represented us and because we were in him and united to him when he did it and therefore we did it with him.

We were brought into a judicial status, a judicial standing. Of being guilty before God. And we will have a glimpse On the last day, we will have Just a little glimpse. Of what this standing of being guilty before. God looks like When those who, Are still guilty on that day.

Are terrified. And horrified. They're crying out for the hills to hide them in the mountains to fall upon them. Because the day of the wrath of the lamb has come

And when he says, depart from me, I never knew you even to many. Who have called him Lord. And thought they had done many things that showed that he was there, lord. And so, is verse 18 says, through one man's offense to all To all men, came condemnation. Subscribing that to all men, came that guilt before God, that will be declared by Christ in the last day, and they will be cast.

Into that outer darkness. That is described. By the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. Unable to do anything. About the greatness of their pain and misery. The greatest pain, the greatest misery in this life. Does not begin. To tell us what is this condemnation? What is this? Standing the status of being under the wrath of god.

Now those who have the eye of faith, Do not have to wait until the last day. To know. What hell is and to know what condemnation before God is. Because we actually have an even fuller place. To see it. The eye of faith, may have a glimpse of what guilt before God looks like of

what the wrath of God looks like when we read and hear and think about the cross of Jesus Christ.

The beloved one. The one who is beloved of God? From all eternity. In the bosom of the father, who, who in the beginning was and was with God and was facing God. Father, and son and holy spirit. In the greatness of divine love. So that God himself is love everything that love is God, is because the sun is bluffed.

The one of whom God says he, he opens. The portal to the creation. As it were his baptism and again, at his transfiguration and testifies from heaven. This is my beloved son. The one whom the spirit. Teaches us when we come to believe in him. And this is the this is the first evidence of the work of the Holy spirit and giving life to someone that they call him the beloved.

And this is the mark of the church, the bride when she has been perfected on the last day that she says as she does over and over again in the song of songs that he is my beloved, The beloved one, the blessed one. God also testifying with him. I am well pleased, he's described it.

The end of first, Timothy 6 or towards the end of first, Timothy 6s being the one who know I can have seen or can see who dwells in unapproachable light, the blessed one. The beloved one, the blessed one, the righteous one, the one whom 2nd Corinthians 5:21 says new no sin.

He was made. To be sin. The one who is truth and cannot lie. Cried out. My god, my god. Why have you? Forsaken me.

And infinite wrath. Was poured out. Upon the infinite person. Of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When he was exhibited. Displayed set forth. As a propitiation. This is where we see the greatness. Of that, condemnation. Therefore, as through one man's offense, judgment came to all men. Resulting in condemnation, For as we heard in chapter 1, they have despised. We in Adam have despised the glory of God.

This is repeated in chapter 3. We all sinned. When did we send? Well, we've all sinned in ourselves, but we all sinned in Adam. And fell short. Of the glory of God. And so that is the status. Into which one man's offense. One man's wicked act. Transgression of the covenant.

That is the status of condemnation into which he brought every single one who is in him. Now if you are hearing this sermon, you came into this world in that status of one who is condemned that standing of condemnation of guilt before God and his justice and his wrath.

And if that is still your standing, If you have not believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, Then consider now, how patient and merciful God is being with you. Since you ought even now to be under and in the fire of his wrath, Since you ought to even now be in hell, And unless you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ soon, you will be For eternity is forever and this life is, but a breath.

And if you have not believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then you are still in condemnation in Adam and in yourself. And if you leave this world, Not having believed in Christ. Not having been brought in this into a status of righteousness before. God. Then he will be right, and just And he will have been all the more displayed to be righteous.

And just By the patience that he now shows you. For you or not in hell. The wrath of God is not being poured out upon you sure. It has been displayed from heaven, against all

unrighteousness, and all ungodliness of men. It is displayed in the fact that we are bound and given over to our sinful natures.

Are we come into this world bound and give it over? To our sinful natures. But it is not yet, being poured out on you. He makes the sun to shine on you. Is a blessing. He does that to the reprobate, doesn't he does that to those will never believe.

His life-giving rain falls on them. Close them and feeds them. Even as they despise him and hate him. And how? Well, he does for them, me, you feeds, even the birds and close the lilies. And even before we're his children, He closed and feeds, he closed his enemies, he feeds his enemies, he gives to his enemies to drink whom.

Do you think you imitate when you love your enemy as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ? As a child of the living? God, do you not show yourself then to be a child of your father in heaven? But if you are not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, Every breath you breathe.

Is loaned to you by the god. Who would be perfectly righteous and just even now? To cast you into hell. And soon, you will draw your last breath in this world. And what will your condition be then?

He is patient. He is merciful. He even tells us in scripture. If you have not believed in Jesus, he tells us he is unwilling that any should perish He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that you would turn and live the patience and forbearance of God, the riches of his goodness are meant to bring you to repentance.

Not that you would hear all of this. And harden your heart and decide that you will hate the god who would rightly hate you. In your sin. But that you would see how patient and merciful he is yet with you now. And that you would be broken, that you would be brought to repentance.

That you would behold his mercy and love and say, Such a god was worthy, already of all of my obedience. He's worthy. Of my giving myself up to him. Of my refusing to be mine anymore. Of my refusing and hating. To be what I am. In the first Adam and my first representative and what I am and myself.

And to refuse to be my own now. And to be Christ's. To have him. That's my head to be united to him. Give yourself up to the Lord. Jesus Christ, turn and live. Come to him for forgiveness. Stop being your own and the status of one who is guilty in the first Adam.

And be Christ's. Giving yourself up to him, falling upon him, being joined to him. So that in him and his One righteous act, you will have been brought into his own judicial status justified unto life, worthy of life. So that yes, when God gives you life, it has life that you did not earn but in Christ It is the right response to your new standing in Jesus.

All of that, justice and holiness, and righteousness of God demanding that you would be blessed forever, not merely that you would continue to exist unharmed forever That you would be given. The appetite for God that you ought to have that you would be given a desire for him and love for him and satisfaction in him and that you would be given him whom you desire and him whom you love and him in whom and by whom you are satisfied.

And if you are not in a state of condemnation, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, Perhaps you need even now to consider in verse 18, your original status your original standing, Consider where you were before, God brought you by his spirit to faith in Jesus Christ, consider how you were under the condemnation of God in Adam, through his transgression.

You are safe. Now, you are right? Just before God now and maybe you have been for a long time. And maybe you have forgotten. How much you've been forgiven? What it was from what you were saved. And perhaps. You have been finding yourself, lately, not loving him as you are.

Not loving him with the intensity of the The sinful woman. Who comes and pours out that pound of pure art. And the Lord Jesus saying. It's those who are forgiven, much, who love much. You see, when you and I realize that we have been cold hearted towards God, cold hearted, towards the Lord, Jesus Christ.

This is one of the things that we need to remember. Therefore, as through one transgression to all men through Came condemnation.

We need to remember. What it was from which we were saved how much it is. That we have been forgiven. So that we may see, What it cost? So we may see how we have been loft. And we who have been forgiven much me. Once again love much Because we ought to have been in hell.

But we are not. And then perhaps there are here not those who know that they haven't believed or those who know that they have believed but those who aren't sure. But do you see how great the steaks are? You should desire assurance. You should desire to know. There's a flea to Christ now.

Perhaps you are a backslidden believer, a true sprout of wheat that is so sickly and wicked. That it looks like a tear But surely, you must want to know before the sickle is put in and the wheat and the terrorist terrors are separated. Fly to Christ. Being uncertain will not condemn you, but it should unsettle you that you may be condemned.

Make right use of that unsettling, make right use of that fear and flee again to the Lord, Jesus christ for your righteous standing before god. And if you may have that righteous tending, then at least, flee to him for the certainty of it. Maybe this will be the time that you now, finally, truly trust in him for the first time whichever, it is, doesn't matter because if you have him, you will have that standing And so, if you have, That lack of assurance that uncertainty of being in him.

Then make the right use of it. And Romans, 5:18 And see the condemnation in Adam on the one hand and the standing the status. Of the Lord Jesus Christ and his righteousness before God, justification of life. On the other hand. And flee out of yourself and out of the first Adam and into Christ.

Your new status. If you are a believer, is that of being justified unto life. Innocent and righteous before God approved by God under his blessing. This too, we will have a glimpse of in the last day. When we see the Lord Jesus, as he is, when we see how righteous he is, that which will terrify the unbeliever and thrill the believer.

When we see the spotless perfect, righteousness of our lord, jesus christ, the perfect, holiness, and justice of our lord. Jesus christ. How we will admire him? How we will praise him. And how those who are wicked. Will understand that all of these ridiculous hopes that they heard about in the false preaching.

Of the gospel, falsely so-called That the Lord Jesus isn't so upset with sin as they thought. That that he really just loves them and wants them to love themselves, like he does. That he is okay with them as they are. All of those hopes will vanish because of the perfect righteousness and holiness and justice of the Lord Jesus.

And through his righteous act on the cross. That justification that righteousness that belongs to him. All who believe in him are brought into it. Again, those who have the IFA, Don't need to wait until the last day. We may have a glimpse of it as we read and hear and think now not so much about the crucifixion.

But as but about the resurrection, Death couldn't hold him. Wrath was exhausted upon him because he is so perfectly and completely righteous. And when he ascend it and to heaven and took his seat upon the throne at the right hand of majesty, Having a tone for our sins. And taking his seat there.

He took a seat that was his by right in his person but now is his By Merritt in his obedience as a man. As our mediator, the man, Jesus Christ, the one mediator, between God and men.

Where was he raised to the right hand of the very throne of God and the scripture, say such things? As border on and we would know that they were blasphemy except for now. Because God has said it, we must marvel that they are true and not blasphemous. We are not seated as God on the throne of heaven.

But we are united to him and seated with him and in him. As a bride, as one. With her husband. And so, the mediator the man, Jesus Christ.

Has a standing of righteousness and innocence and vindication. That we may see in his resurrection and we may know, is the extent of the standing of the righteousness. That we have before, God. In him. See. God made him who knew no sin to be sin. That in him. Through faith and him, we would become The righteousness of God.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then you are as justified as Jesus is. You are declared righteous. As much as Jesus is declared righteous in the resurrection. We say that with holy reverence. Is impossible. Even for our hearts and minds to believe, isn't it? That I who still sin.

Through faith in Jesus Christ. Have been brought into. Justification of life. And his one righteous act.

If this is your status, Consider the blessedness of it. Behold manner of love, the father has shown into us. That we would be called children of God. That that which is Jesus is by, right? He has also earned. For us and the love of god has given to us in him.

Ransom to healed. Restored. Forgiven. Who like you has praise should sing? When you see the greatness of the righteousness of the standing that you have, And the Lord Jesus Christ. What not your heart? Well up with praise. Praise him.

Or better yet. Does the psalmist himself puts it? Bless the Lord, my soul. My whole heart and forget, none of his benefits. And so remember this benefit, Through the ones righteous act. The word man is not repeated there in verse 18. It is the god, man. In fact, the mediator, the Lord Jesus, Through the ones righteous act.

To all men who are in him. Came justification of life. This is what has come to you in the Lord. Jesus Christ. If you have believed in him, Remember that benefit? Remember your righteous standing before God so that you will not forget this benefit and you will bless him with your whole heart.

Oh god, how blessed you are? And the spirit convincing us of this. Truth of this verse brings our hearts and mouths into line with the soles of the just made perfect and glory with the angels and glory so that all his hosts sprays him all his servants, praise him.

And we say, oh my soul. Praise.

The Lord sparing us will consider. Verse 19 together. Next week. Our Father in heaven. Have we thank you? For the transfer of standing the transfer. Of judicial status, that you have granted unto us. When you brought us out of the first Adam and into your son, our Lord Jesus as the last Adam.

Or we pray that you would. Remind our hearts again. Of that out of which we have been brought. So that's seeing how much we have been forgiven, we would love much. And grant to us. The help of your spirit to see and to know, Into what we have been brought.

So that our souls would praise you. And not forget this benefit.

We pray. Oh God, for any who are In the hearing. Of the sermon and this prayer. Who are yet in the judicial status. Of the first Adam. Grant to them. Oh god. To see the danger that they are in. And the safety that is in Jesus. And buy your spirit give to them.

To run. From what they are in themselves. And an atom. To have Christ. And his standing. Which we ask in his name. Amen.