

***“Much More!”***  
***Romans 5:12-17***

**Introduction:**

1. Please Turn Back In Your Bibles With Me:
  - To The Book Of Romans:
    - Romans 5 - Where We Have Been Exploring Together:
      - What It Means:
        - To Be Justified By Faith:
          - In Jesus Christ!
  - And - Not Just What It **Means**:
    - But Why It **Matters!**
      - Because - We’ve Been Introduced:
        - To Some Of The Greatest Benefits & Blessings That Flow To Believers:
          - Through The Gospel!
  - Gospel Benefits Like:
    - Peace With God:
      - Access To God:
        - And Hope In God!
    - And - Gospel Blessings Like:
      - Reconciliation:
        - Through Christ’s Death - And:
          - Salvation:
            - By Christ’s Life!
2. These Are Some Of The Remarkable Truths:
  - That We’ve Seen So Far:
    - In This Remarkable Chapter!
      - But - They Are Even More Remarkable:
        - When We Remember That God Provided All Of Them To Us:
          - When We Were Still Weak And Wicked And Even At War With Him!
  - Even As We Were Told:
    - Back In 5:8 - “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!”
  - With All Of This Overwhelming Grace:
    - Our Hearts Should Cry Out:
      - As Avis Christiansen’s Did - When She Asked:
        - “How Can It Be? How Can It Be?  
That God Should Love A Soul Like Me?  
O, How Can It Be?”
3. Well - Truly - How Can It Be?
  - How Can It Be That All Of These Benefits & Blessings:
    - Can Come To Us - And:
      - Come To **All** Who Believe:
        - Through **One Man**:
          - The Lord Jesus Christ?
  - Well - In The Verses We Come To Next:
    - Which Will Take Us All The Way To The Next Chapter:
      - Paul Answers This Question For Us!
        - How Can It Be?
  - Let’s See:
    - In 5:12-21 - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have 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 them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. / 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. / 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. / 17 For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) /

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. / 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. / 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: / 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord!"

4. Now - Even Though All Ten Of These Verses:

- Are Closely **Connected** - Yet:

- They Are Also Very **Involved**:

- And So - We Are Going To Look At Just The First Six Verses This Morning!

- 5:12-17 - Where Paul Begins His Closing Thoughts On Justification:

- In 5:12!

- But Then - He Interrupts Himself:

- For The Next 5 Verses:

- Before Repeating And Then Finishing His Thought In 5:18!

- **IE**: Have You Ever Done That? Where You Interrupted Yourself To Try To Explain Something You Just Said - And Then Tried To Get Back To The Point You Are Making?

- I've Do That All The Time! And Sometimes I Even Forget My Initial Thought!

5. Well - This Is What Paul Does Here:

- Only - The Holy Spirit Inspired Him To Do So!

- This Is One Of The Great Things:

- About Inspiration - And How God Gave Us His Word!

- He Kept The Personalities And Styles Of Each Writer In Tact:

- While, At The Same Time, Providing To Us The Very Words Of God!

- But In This Case:

- God Directed Paul:

- To Not Only **Remember** The Point He Was Making, But Then To:

- **Finish** It - In 5:18 And Through The Rest Of The Chapter!

- All This To Say:

- That Most Of What We Are Going To Cover This Morning:

- Is An Explanation:

- Of A Hard Truth That He Introduces To Us In 5:12!

- This Is Why In The King James, 5:13-17 Is Put In A Parenthesis - While In Other Translations:

- They May Be Set Apart By Dashes!

6. But - The Hard Truth:

- That Paul Wants To Help Us Understand Is:

- That Eternal Life Can Come To You:

- Through One Man - Who Is Jesus Christ:

- Because Sin And Death Came To You:

- Through One Man!

- And So - In 5:12 - Paul Tells Us About:

1. **The Significance Of Sin And Death!**

- 5:12 - "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned!"

- Now - This Is The First Part Of The Main Point:

- That Paul Is Making In These Last 10 Verses!

- The Second Part Comes:

- At The End Of 5:18 - "Even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life!"

- But - Before He Gets To:

- That Second Part:

- He Really Wants Us To Understand Some Things:

- About The Sin & Death That Is All Around Us And Even In Us!

- And So - He Begins By Looking At:

- The Great Contamination:

- Of Sin - “Wherefore, As By One Man Sin Entered Into The World!”
  - **IE:** Has Anyone Ever Asked You Why There Is Sin And Evil In This World? Or - Has Anyone Ever Wondered Out Loud To You Why Disease And Death Is So Prevalent In This World? Perhaps You’ve Wondered These Things Yourself?
    - Well - Paul Wants Us To Understand That The Contamination Of Sin All Started:
      - With One Man!
- So - With These Words:
  - We Are Transported Back To:
    - The Garden Of Eden - When The Very First Man - Adam - Along With The Very First Woman - Eve:
      - Disobeyed God’s Single & Simple Command To Not Eat The Fruit Of One Tree - The “Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil!”
- Here - The Apostle Paul Looks Back:
  - Not Only At A Real, Historical Person:
    - Living In A Real, Historical Place:
      - But Also A Real, Historical Event!
- And - At The Moment Adam Ate The Forbidden Fruit:
  - Sin Did Not Only Enter His Soul Personally:
    - Sin Entered Into This World!
      - All That God Had Created And Formed To Be “Very Good” Was Now Hopelessly Contaminated By Sin!
- **This** Is How & Why:
  - There Is Sin And Evil In This World Today!
    - But - This Then Leads To:
- The Great Consequence:
  - Of Sin - 5:12 - “And Death By Sin!”
    - Up Until The Sin Of Adam & Eve:
      - There Was No Death In This World!
        - Anything That Had Received “The Breath Of Life” In It - Including Human Life And Animal Life - According To God’s Own Word - Was Immortal!
  - It Was Only **By Sin & Because Of Sin:**
    - That Death Likewise Came Into This World!
      - And - All Of Dreadful Trappings:
        - Of Death!
  - And So - With Just These Two Statements So Far:
    - The Apostle Paul Answers Two Of The Greatest Questions In This World!
      - Why Is There Sin? Why Is There Death?
        - They Both Came About “By One Man” And His Sin!
          - But That Then Leads To:
- The Great Connection:
  - Of Sin - 5:12 - “And So Death Passed Upon All Men!”
    - Now - This Is Where Things Get A Little Sticky:
      - Because - Here - We Are Told That:
        - All Death - Even Our Own Deaths - Are Connected To:
          - Adam’s Death!
  - **IE:** Death Is Like A Virus:
    - That Infects Every Person:
      - Who Has & Who Ever Will Live:
        - In This Fallen World!
    - This Is Why Death May Even Intrude Into:
      - The Very Incubator Of Life:
        - A Mother’s Womb!
  - Because - Death Has Been & Continues To Be:
    - Passed Down & Passed Through:
      - Man! And This Sad Fact About Death:
        - Leads Even Further To:
- The Great Conclusion:
  - About Sin - 5:12 - “For That All Have Sinned!”
    - The Reason Why Everyone Dies:

- The Bible Teaches - Is Because:
  - Everyone – All – Sinned!
- Now - This Is Not Talking About:
  - Sin - In The Present Or In The Future Tense:
    - But Sin - In The Past Tense!
      - The Picture Is This - You And I And Everyone Else - Who Has Lived Or Who Ever Will Live:
        - Was There With Adam And Eve In The Garden Of Eden!
- And - Because Of The Way:
  - God Designed The Human Race:
    - When They Sinned:
      - You And I Sinned:
        - With Them And In Them!
- This Difficult Truth:
  - Has Been Summed Up This Way:
    - “In Adam’s Fall, We Sinned All!”
      - So - God Does Not See You And Deals With You **Just** As An Individual:
        - He Deals With All Of Us As A Single Race!
  - From God’s Perspective - When Adam Sinned:
    - We Sinned - And - Since Adam Died:
      - We Now Die!
- This Is The Grave Significance Of Sin And Death:
  - For All Of Us!
    - We Aren’t Just Infected:
      - With The Sin And Evil **We** Commit Today!
    - We Are Infected With:
      - The Sin And Evil Committed By The Head Of Our Race - Our First Father - That One Man - Adam!
  - Now - When Confronted With This Truth:
    - Our First Reaction May Be:
      - “That’s Not Fair!”
  - Well - We Can Thank God That His Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways, And His Thoughts Are Higher Than Our Thoughts!
    - Because - If God Did Not Design Us:
      - To **Fall** - By **One** Man:
        - How Could He Ever Bring Salvation To Us:
          - By **One** Man - Which We Will Come To Later!
  - But - Paul Realizes That This Truth:
    - Is A Hard Truth!
      - That God Does Not Just Deal With Us:
        - According To Our Own Sin:
          - But According To The Sin Of Adam!
  - And So - This Is Where The Parenthesis Begins:
    - He Wants To Further Explain In 5:13-14:

## 2. ***The Supremacy Of Sin And Death!***

- 5:13-14 -“(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. / Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come!”
  - Here - Again - The Apostle Paul Points Out - In 5:13:
- The Powerful Penetration:
  - Of Sin!
    - 5:13 - “For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law!”
      - The Law That Paul Refers To Is The Mosaic Law - Beginning With The Ten Commandments!
        - And - At He Makes This General Observation At The End Of 5:13:
          - “Sin Is Not Imputed When There Is No Law!”
  - But - Since There **Was** Sin:
    - In This World - Even Before The Ten Commandments Were Given By God:

- There **Must Have Been:**
  - A Law - Even Before It Was Written Down & Given To The Children Of Israel!
  - And - There Was!
- The First Commandment Ever Given:
  - By God To Man:
    - Was The Commandment He Gave In The Garden Of Eden To That First Man - Genesis 2:16-17 - “And the LORD God **commanded** the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: / But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die!”
  - But - Even After That:
    - As Paul Already Wrote About:
      - In 2:15 - “The Work Of The Law Written In [Our] Hearts!”
  - So - Sin Penetrated This World:
    - Because Beginning With Adam & Through Adam:
      - 3:23 - “All Have Sinned, And Come Short Of The Glory Of God!”
      - But - Paul Also Describes:
- The Powerful Permeation:
  - Of Death!
    - 5:14 - “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come!”
    - Death Reigned & Death Still Reigns!
      - From Small To Great, Weak To Strong, Poor To Wealthy:
        - All Died & All Still Die!
        - **IE:** Cemeteries!
  - Death Reigns Like A Dictator / A Despot:
    - And Does Not Care:
      - Who You Are:
        - Where You Live:
          - Or - What You’ve Done!
      - **IE:** We Are Getting More Of A Taste Of What It Must Be Like To Live Under A Dictator - With All Of These “Orders” That Are Being Passed By One Man - Verses The “Laws” That Are Debated And Passed By Our Representatives!
    - But - Still - Sin Penetrated:
      - And Death Permeates:
        - All Of Mankind:
          - Even If / When Our Sin Takes Different Forms From Adam’s!
  - Sin And Death Reign Supreme:
    - In This Old Fallen World!
      - But Then Paul Adds This About Adam:
        - “Who Is The Figure Of Him That Was To Come!”
        - Of Course - The One Who “Was To Come” Is Jesus!
          - But - How Can Adam, The First Sinner, Be A Type And A Pattern Of Jesus, The Final Savior?
    - Well - A Type Is Like:
      - The Old Negatives That You Would Get:
        - When You Took A Picture On Film!
          - If You Held It To The Light - It Looks Similar To, But In No Way Exactly Like The Subject Of Your Picture!
    - Well - One Way That:
      - Adam Is A Type Of Christ:
        - Is That They Are Both Heads Of A Family, A Race!
          - Adam Is The Head Of A Physical Race! Jesus Is The Head Of A Spiritual Race!
        - And - Both Adam & Jesus:
          - Represent Those Who Are United With Them - Whether Physically Or Spiritually!
            - Those Are Some Of The Similarities Between Adam & Christ!
      - But - That’s About Where The Similarities End!
        - So - In The Next Two Verses - Paul Shows How:

- Adam Really Is A Negative Type:
- Of Jesus! And Shows Us:

### 3. ***The Strength Of Sin And Death!***

- 5:15-16 - "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. / And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification!"

- The Words "Not As" In Both Of These Verses:
  - Show Us The Contrast:
    - Between Adam And Christ!
  - But - Before We Move On To ***The One***:
    - Adam Points Us To - There Are A Couple Of Other Things Paul Wants To Tell Us About Sin And Death!
    - About:
- The Powerful Strength Of Sin!
  - 5:15a - "For if through the offence of one many be dead!"
  - You See - All It Took Was:
    - One "Offense" - One Single Sin:
      - Committed By Adam:
        - To Bring Death To Many! And - By "Many" Here - Paul Practically Means All!
  - The Power Of Sin:
    - Is Very, Very Strong!
    - But So Is:
- The Powerful Sentence Of Sin!
  - Which We Find In The First Part:
    - Of 5:16a - "For the judgment was by one to condemnation!"
    - According To John 3:36 - "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him!"
  - The Wrath Of God:
    - That Paul Has Already Described In Detail:
      - Is The Powerful:
        - And - The Just Sentence:
          - For Sin!
  - And - Whatever Punishment:
    - A Sinner Receives:
      - Always Fits The Crime!
        - Because - God - As "The Judge Of All The Earth" - Will Always "Do Right!"
    - But - Even In These Verses:
      - That Give Us A Very Grim And Gloomy Picture:
        - Of Sin And Death:
          - Their Significance!
          - Their Supremacy! And:
          - Their Strength!
    - Yet - Paul Uses It:
      - As A Springboard To Help Us See:

### 4. ***The Superiority Over Sin And Death!***

- The Superiority Of:
  - God And His Grace And His Gift:
    - Of Justification To Whoever Believes:
      - In The Lord Jesus Christ!
  - This Is The Big Contrast:
    - Between Adam And Jesus Christ:
      - Who In 1 Corinthians 15:45, Paul Calls "The Last Adam!"
    - In 5:15 - We See:
- The Superiority Of God's Grace!
  - 5:15 - "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead,

- much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many!”
  - Though The Power Of Sin And Death:
    - Seems So Strong And Unavoidable!
    - “Through The Offense Of One Many Be Dead!”
  - Yet - Focus Now:
    - On Those Two Words In The Middle Of The Verse:
      - “Much More!”
    - “Much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many!”
  - The Grace That Comes Through Jesus:
    - Is Nothing At All Like:
      - The Offense That Came:
        - Through Adam!
    - So - Even Though:
      - Sin Is Strong:
        - God’s Grace Is Stronger!
  - And So:
    - The Great Difference & The Great Superiority:
      - Of The Gospel Is That Of:
        - Quality!
    - When You Receive The Gracious Gift Of God:
      - By Believing In His Son:
        - You Also Receive The Overwhelming, Abiding, And Super-Abounding Gift:
          - Of Life Itself!
  - But - Even More - We See:
- The Superiority Of God’s Gift!
  - In 5:16 - “And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification!”
    - Again - The Consequence Of Sin And Death:
      - Seems So Strong And Unavoidable!
      - “For the judgment was by one to condemnation!”
    - But - Focus Again:
      - On The End Of The Verse:
        - “But the free gift is of many offences unto justification!”
  - The Gift That Comes Through Jesus:
    - Is Nothing At All Like:
      - The Judgment That Came:
        - Through Adam!
    - So - Even Though:
      - Death Is Strong:
        - God’s Gift Is Stronger!
  - And So:
    - The Great Difference & The Great Superiority:
      - Of The Gospel Is That Of:
        - Quantity!
    - When You Receive The Gracious Gift Of God:
      - By Believing In His Son:
        - You Are Justified From And Receive The Forgiveness Of All Of Your Sins!
  - And - Then - Even More - We See:
- The Superiority Of God’s Gospel!
  - In 5:17 - Where Paul Summarizes What He Just Said In The Previous Verses - Even Repeating Some Of The Same Thoughts And Words:
    - “For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ!”
      - The Focus Now Turns:
        - To Who Rules & Who Reigns In Your Life Now!
  - When You Are Lost:
    - The Power Of Sin And Death:

- Seems So Strong:
  - Because - "By One Man's Offense Death Reigns By One!"
- And - It Was A Dreadful King:
  - And - A Harsh Taskmaster!
    - Like The Pharaoh In Egypt, Who "Knew Not Joseph!"
- But - Once Again - Focus On:
  - Those Two Words In The Middle Of The Verse:
    - "Much More!"
  - "Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ!"
    - This Is The Gospel!
- And - When You Are Saved:
  - When You "Receive" The "Abundance Of Grace And The Gift Of Righteousness" - By:
    - Turning To & Trusting In:
      - The Last Adam - Jesus Christ:
        - As Your Savior From The Significance, The Supremacy, And The Terrible Strength Of Your Own Sin And Death:
  - It Says Right Here:
    - That - You "Will Reign In Life By One, Jesus Christ!"
- We Are Told The Same Thing:
  - In 2 Timothy 2:11-12 - "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: / If we suffer, we shall also reign with him!"
- We Are Told The Same Thing:
  - In Revelation 22:5 - Where - In Heaven - "There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever!"
- The Gospel Of The Gift Of God's Grace:
  - Is Far Superior To:
    - The Strength:
      - Of Sin And Death!

### **Conclusion:**

1. And That Is Why - If You Are A Christian Today:
  - There Is No More:
    - "Sting" To Death - And:
      - There Is No More:
        - "Victory" In The Grave!
2. Because In Jesus Christ:
  - You Gain More:
    - Much, Much More:
      - Than You Ever Lost:
        - In Adam!
3. So - Now - Live:
  - In The Life:
    - You Have Been Given:
      - By The Lord!

- \* Do You See How Sin And Death Has Penetrated & Permeated This World?
- \* Have You Received The Gift Of Life And Righteousness Offered To You?
- \* Will You Now Let The Power Of Christ's Life Reign In Your Heart?

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