

Chap 5:12-21



ROMANS
GOSPEL~ROOTED LIVING

Where have we been so far?

- Greeting and Introduction of the Gospel
- Indictment of all mankind – all have sinned
- Law reveals, defines, increases – faith saves
- Faith: to take God at His word and obey
- Past secures the future & guides our present

Shift at Chapter 5

πίστις & ζωή

- Faith / believe

- 1 – 4 occurs 33 times

- 5 – 8 occurs 3 times

- Life / live

- 1 – 4 occurs 2 times

- 5 – 8 occurs 24 times

He who is righteous by faith, will live
(Romans 1:17 quote of Habakkuk 2:4)

God's grace has "super-abounded"

- Adam: old age of Death & Sin
- Jesus: new age of Life & Righteousness

- 12 – 14: Corporate solidarity
- 15 – 17: Differences - *Not as, not like*
- 18 – 19: Similarities - *Just as, so also*
- 20 – 21: Question of the Law

Romans 5:12

Corporate solidarity

12 ...just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

- “Supernaturally connected” – 1 Cor 15:21-22
- Joshua 7 – Achan sinned / nation judged
- Hebrews 7:9-10 – Levi in Abraham’s loins

Romans 5:13-14

Support of solidarity

...death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam...

- Adam violated a specific command
 - We are judged b/c we “participated”
 - Is that just? Yes, all have sinned

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Why is “solidarity” important?

Ephesians 2:1-10

(John 13:34-35, John 17)

Romans 5:15

Dissimilarity

15 But...the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

- Many declared “guilty”, many “not guilty”
- But not just mercy, many receive grace
 - Exceeds understanding / can't explain it

Romans 5:16

Dissimilarity

16 And the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

- Adam – one sin has an immense effect
- Jesus – deals w/ all sins immense effects
 - Jesus act is infinitely greater in every way

Romans 5:17

Dissimilarity

17 For...much more will those who receive the abundance ...reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

- Death reigned for a time
- Now many reign in life (forever)

Dissimilarities

Grace Superabounds

- Grace exceeds human understanding
 - Mercy: Jesus dealt w/ a multitude of sins
 - Grace: And now many will reign forever

Romans 5:18

Similarity

...as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

- Universalism?

Romans 5:19

Similarity

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

• Grace is sufficient for all, efficient for some

Romans 5:20-21

Then why the Law?

...law came in to increase the trespass...so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Sin “causes” trespass / increases our need
- Grace causes justification & increases thanks

Dissimilarities and Similarities

- We are supernaturally connected
 - (This is why one man's actions affect all)
- Grace exceeded human limitations
 - Jesus dealt with a multitude of sins
 - Now many will "live" forever
- Sin increases trespass / Grace causes life

The Gospel

You cannot help being in Adam...
but you can choose to be in Christ



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