The Constitution of Your Faith

Romans

study guide
Beloved, do you long for true joy in your life?

Have you suffered disappointment, pain, even betrayal?

Have the circumstances of daily life robbed you of joy? Sometimes we hurt so much inside, we lock ourselves inside an invisible prison…away from the relationships, love, and fellowship from others we need most!

But God’s presence and promises are there…and we can bear all things and be overcomers…through Christ who strengthens us!

What a pleasure it is to share this special series with you, to study this epistle of joy together. I pray it will fill you with joy, hope, and confidence in God that will make you ready to live on a whole new plane for Him!

DISCOVER TRUTH!
We are so excited you want to study God’s precepts for life with us in this series!

My desire, Beloved, is for you to know God better and trust Him more…to become a man or woman who can understand and experience joy in every situation.

You’ll discover how, as we walk through this fascinating book together verse by verse.

Beloved, you couldn’t have chosen to do a better thing than to sit at Jesus’ feet, listening to His every word. God’s Word, the Bible, has answers for every situation you’ll face in life. Listen to what God is saying to you, face-to-face, with truth to transform your life!

Inductive Study Method
To study God’s Word and understand it, we use a unique inductive Bible study method at Precept Ministries International. The Bible is our main source of truth. Before looking for insights from people and commentaries about the Bible, we get into the Word of God, beginning with observing the text.
Observation

To observe a text, you simply slow down to carefully study what it says. We’ll show you how to “interrogate” the text like a good reporter or scientist with “the 5 W’s and an H”—who, what, when, where, why and how. This is a very interactive process, well worth the time, because the truths you discover for yourself are profound! Here are some examples:

**WHO** is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the main characters? And to whom is the speaker speaking?

**WHAT** subjects and/or events are covered in the chapter? What do you learn about the people, the events, and/or the teachings from the text? What instructions are given?

**WHEN** did or will the events recorded occur?

**WHERE** did or will this happen? Where was it said?

**WHY** is something being said or mentioned? Why will an event occur? Why this time, person, and/or place?

**HOW** will it happen? How will it be done? How is it illustrated?

Careful observation leads to interpretation—discovering what the text means.

Interpretation

The more you observe, the greater your understanding of God’s Word will be. Since Scripture is the best interpreter of Scripture, you and I will be looking at cross-references to enhance our understanding of the meaning of God’s message.

Where do observation and interpretation lead?

Application

After we’ve observed the text and discovered what it means, we need to think and live accordingly. The result is a transformed life—the more you and I are in the Word of God and adjusting our thinking and behavior to its precepts for life, the more we are changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ! He is the living Word of God who became flesh, the Savior of the world, our coming King of kings!
So Where Do You Begin?

At the end of this Study Guide you will find the entire text of the book we’re studying in one of the most accurate translations of the Bible, the New American Standard. Use these “Observation Worksheets” to mark key words and phrases as we study together. You can transfer them into your Bible later, if you’d like to.

First, read through the entire book at one sitting to get a general sense of its content. Then begin your observation by reading through chapters individually, more slowly this time, noting in the margins or chapter headings what each section is about.

Then get out your colored pencils or pens and mark on the Observation Worksheets in the back of this Study Guide:

• Color blue or underline every reference to the author (including pronouns like I, we, me, and my).

• Color orange or underline every reference to the recipient (including pronouns like you, your, etc.)

• Mark every reference to time with a green clock.

It’s a good idea to do this marking as soon as you receive this booklet and before you listen to the next broadcast.

What’s Next?

• During each program, I’ll point out key words to mark. You’ll find many of them on the back cover of this Study Guide with suggested colors and symbols to spot them quickly in the text. You may want to create a small bookmark so you can remember to mark each key word the same way throughout the text.

  • You can mark these key words ahead of time or after the program, whichever is easier. You can also get the CD or DVD of the program and mark the key words later while studying.

  • Feel free to mark them your own way. There’s nothing sacred about the particular symbols I use!

• The cross-references I mention in these programs are under sidebars titled “Where’s That Verse?” After you read them, you can jot them in the margin of the Observation Worksheets or you can write them in the wide margins of the New Inductive Study Bible. I suggest you use a pencil first, then write them in ink later.
• An “At a Glance” chart is located at the end of this study. As we complete our study of each chapter, record a theme to summarize the author’s content on the chart and in the space provided in your Observation Worksheets. Recording themes will help you remember the main idea of each chapter. It will also give you a complete synopsis of the book “at a glance,” after you finish the study.

• At the end of each day’s lesson, think about the truths you learned and how you can apply them to your life. Write out these personal applications at the end of this Study Guide in the section entitled, “My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.”

Getting the Most from This Study

• Try to stay one lesson ahead of me so you’ll be learning directly from the Word of God and so our time together will be like a “discussion group” as we reason together through the Scriptures. You’ll get much more out of our time together if you’ve done this preparation.

• Always begin your study with prayer. Ask God to lead you into all truth.

• Try to memorize a key verse for every lesson covered in this study. God will bring these to your remembrance when you need them!

• Pray about what you learn each day. Ask God to remind you of these truths and give you another person to share them with. These two exercises will accomplish amazing things in your life.

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That’s my vision for YOU, beloved!
Won’t you help us spread it to others?

Looking for people…looking for truth!
LESSON 1

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

SYNOPSIS

Does the name of Jesus Christ offend you? In today’s culture, whether its witchcraft, New Age, or Buddhism, just about every religion but Christianity is considered politically and socially acceptable. What is it about Jesus that sets him apart from other prophets and gods? Why do His life and teachings continue to stir up controversy more than 2,000 years later? Join us in this life-changing study of Romans, the Christian’s “Constitution of Faith,” and discover the man behind the Name above of all names.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 1:1-7. Mark each reference to the key word gospel with a red megaphone and color it in green.

2. What did you learn from marking gospel? How is it described? When was it promised and how?

3. Whom does the Gospel concern? Using words from the text, simply list how He’s described in verses 3 and 4.

4. Now look at 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 for a quick summary of the main points of the Gospel. Put a number beside each point.

5. The Jews, the first to hope for the Messiah, looked for His coming based on Old Testament promises. According to these verses in 1 Corinthians, was the Gospel delivered as promised?

6. What was the unique purpose for the apostles associated with Paul according to Romans 1:5? Does this give you any insights into why some find Christianity so challenging?

Prayer

Lord, for thousands of years you promised the coming of Your Son through your holy prophets. Today You brought me here to examine the evidence, the fulfillment of those promises in the Gospel. I thank You for drawing me here and ask that you make my heart soft soil to receive Your Word and understand the truth about Your Son Jesus. Help me to be diligent and commit myself to daily study of Your Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Set Apart for the Gospel

SYNOPSIS

Murder, paganism, hypocrisy, opposition, persecution…. While these subjects easily portray today's headlines, they also describe the immoral culture surrounding the Roman church Paul wrote to. As we begin to look in depth at Paul's letter, we'll understand why he wrote this group of Christians and why this Epistle is as relevant to believers today.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 1:1-15 and color each reference to the author in blue (or a color of your choice). Also mark each noun, pronoun, and synonym that refers to the author (I, me, my), but avoid pronouns like "we" and "us" that include either other apostles or the readers.

   As you mark the text, ask the 5 Ws and H (who, what, when, where, why and how). You may want to keep a running list of things you learn about the author on a separate sheet of paper. Remember, always use words from the text when you observe (to avoid misinterpreting later).

2. What purpose did God call Paul to? How does he identify himself? Who made him an apostle?

3. Who is Paul writing to? Read through this passage again and double underline in green references that tell where his readers are.

4. What does Paul pray for? How often does he pray? Why does Paul want to visit his readers?

5. What compels Paul to preach the Gospel?

6. Review your observations about Paul, noting characteristics of a mature believer in Christ. How earnest was his faith? How passionate are you?

Prayer

Father, Paul's passion for the Gospel inspires me—he was so committed because he understood his calling to proclaim it. Lord, I want to understand Your Gospel this way. Please show me through this study the power of the Gospel to give me a faith that stands. In a culture where Christianity is under attack, I know it's essential to have a solid grasp on the truth. Keep me focused Lord and push me toward maturity. In Jesus' name, Amen.
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Where’s That Verse?

CROSS-REFERENCES
Romans 1:14-17
Romans 5:12
Romans 10:17

Did You Know?

Power (dunamis): power, strength (our English “dynamite” derives from this ancient Greek word).

Romans has been called the “Constitution of the Christian faith” because Paul so masterfully and methodically summarizes man’s dilemma and God’s solution (the Gospel).

As we study this book, keep in mind its structure: chapters 1:3:20 deal with sin; chapters 3:21-5 look at salvation; chapters 6-8 examine the process of sanctification; chapters 9-11 explain God’s sovereignty historically; and lastly, chapters 12-16 illustrate the believer’s service to God.

SYNOPSIS

Ever try to stop a bad habit or unhealthy pattern of living? Did you throw up your hands in defeat? Did you find yourself more entrenched than ever? The Bible says the whole world lives under the power of the evil one. By your efforts alone you can never escape the power of sin over your life. But God has a plan to set you free . . . and His power is unleashed through the Gospel.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 1:14-17. Continue marking references to gospel with a red megaphone and color them green. Also mark references to Paul in blue (including pronouns and synonyms).

2. To whom is Paul obligated to share the Gospel?

3. How does Paul describe the Gospel in verse 16? Whom is it for?

4. Draw a red stick of dynamite over the word power in verse 16, then read the “Did You Know?” box for insight.

5. What does the Gospel reveal? How is it revealed?

6. Put a symbol of the Bible over the word faith in verse 17 and then read Romans 10:17. What do you learn about the man of faith?

7. What do these verses show you about escaping from the downward spiral of sin?

Prayer

Lord, I come before You with praise and thanksgiving for the transforming power of the Gospel. I’m grateful that You called me out of darkness, out of my sin, to hear Your message of truth. I confess that when I try to do things in my own strength and ways, I fail miserably. Continue to teach me what it means to live by faith. Reveal the areas in my life I’m still trying to control. And Father, like Paul, lay it on my heart to share the Gospel with others so they too can experience liberty from sin. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Wrath of God

SYNOPSIS

Have you ever seen someone innocent hurt or offended? Doesn’t every part of your being cry out for justice? Righteous anger is the anger God displays toward those who reject His truth. Today as we continue our study of Romans, we’ll catch a glimpse of the holy, righteous character of God and His provision for escaping His wrath.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 1:16-18. Mark wrath with a gray cloud and shade it red, or with a red slash with flames. Note the contrast that occurs between verses 17 and 18.

2. What is God’s wrath directed toward? Why?

3. What kinds of actions distinguish the righteous from the unrighteous?


5. Paul visited believers in Rome to “obtain some fruit” from among them. He wanted to see how their faith, behavior, and lifestyles reflected God’s truth. Read the “Did you know?” box and then examine your life for the fruit of a believer.

Prayer

Thank you Father for the gift of Your Son and Your Gospel. Your holy character does not tolerate sin, but Your grace and love have made this Way, this Truth, and this Life for me to escape the wrath I deserved. I am so grateful and I praise you for this. Lord, help me stay diligent in this study; teach me more about who You are. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Prayer
Father, cause me to believe Your Gospel—that Your Son Jesus died for my sins—and transform me into His image. Lord, I come asking You to forgive my sins and take control of my life so that I may spend eternity with You. Teach me to walk by faith and live in the light of Your precious Word. Make me a light to those who are suppressing the truth as I once did. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Understanding God’s Wrath

SYNOPSIS

What do you know about God and where did you learn it? Celebrities, scientists, philosophers, religious leaders and organizations all have plenty to tell you about their understanding of Him. But their teachings often contradict each other and, more importantly, Scripture—God’s Self-disclosure. Some churches today preach messages that don’t line up with the Word at all. So what does God want you to know about Him?

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 1:18-32. Who is Paul talking about in these verses and what do they know about God? How are they described in verse 22?

2. Mark therefore with three dots like the three points of a triangle like this. What happens when man turns away from true knowledge of God?

3. Mark references to exchange in pink and underline them in black. List what the exchanges are and what truth suppressors prefer.

4. What does God do to those who suppress His truth? Do you have a better grasp of what God’s wrath is?

5. Explain how Psalm 81:11-12 and Ezekiel 7:4 shed light on what you’ve studied.

6. Is your understanding of God based on Scripture or on church tradition, family teaching, or culture? Commit to study God’s Word daily and ask God to fill you “with knowledge of His will” in all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.” (Col. 1:9-10a)

Prayer

Father I confess that sometimes I don’t want to acknowledge Your holiness because this forces me to look at truth about myself. I am utterly lost without You—my choices follow the patterns You so clearly show in Scripture: depravity, self-indulgence, wickedness. Lord, I want to understand Your holy and righteous wrath so I can fully embrace and appreciate the depths of Your love. Help me obey and reflect the image of Your Son. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
When God Gives Over

**SYNOPSIS**

*What happens when a nation turns its back on God?* What consequences does a country without absolutes face? The Roman Empire exemplifies what most of our world’s empires have experienced—it came; it grew; it degenerated to a moral vacuum; it died. Things were much worse than just standards not being upheld—the culture actually switched definitions of good and evil. After nearly 500 years Rome fell and its fall was great. How long can we last?

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Romans 1:22-32. Mark the repeated phrase *God gave them over* with a green box.

2. Why did God give these people over to “the lusts of their hearts” and what were the consequences?


4. Why did God give these people over to “degrading passions”? What did they worship? According to the text, what are degrading passions?

5. Summarize what the man who ceases to recognize God is given over to.

6. Carefully re-read Romans 1:32 and reflect on the state of your community and nation. What widespread laws and beliefs contradict the ordinances of God? What “obligation” do believers in Jesus Christ and the Word of God have to those around them?

7. Record a theme that summarizes the main points of Chapter 1 on your Observation Worksheet and “Romans at a Glance” chart at the end of this study.

**Prayer**

Father, I’m in absolute dread for our nation when I think about how publicly wicked and depraved it is. All sorts of evil are practiced, celebrated, and even paraded in defiance of You. Lord I pray that in Your mercy You will cause Your Gospel to go forth boldly and powerfully to regenerate the hearts of men. Give me especially the courage to shine this light for You in the midst of this wicked and perverse generation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Surely you’ve heard people say, “I can’t stand Christians… they’re just a bunch of hypocrites. They say one thing and do another!” Actually, God has no tolerance for hypocrites either—they are entirely without excuse before Him. But the critical question facing you is not how God is going to deal with someone else; it’s how He will deal with you. When you stand before God, will you be declared guilty or innocent . . . and . . . on what basis?

1. Read Romans 2:1-6, 17. Whom is Paul addressing now? What is this group guilty of doing?

2. Draw a black cloud around the phrase *without excuse* in Romans 1:20 and 2:1. Why does Paul say these people are without excuse? What do they know? Read the “Did You Know?” box for additional insights.


4. Re-read Romans 2:1-6 and this time mark the phrase *judgment of God* the way you marked wrath—a red slash with flames. (Be sure you mark only God’s judgment, not man’s.) According to this passage, what two things does God use to judge the unrepentant?

5. The judgment of God in 2:5 looks to the future. Read Revelation 20:11-15 and note how the dead are judged.

6. What leads men to repentance? Why don’t hypocrites repent? Attitude check—are you grateful for God’s patience and grace or do you self-righteously judge others for evil things you do as well?

Prayer
Father, I sometimes condemn others for things I’m guilty of doing. I know this brings shame to Your name, so I bow down before You and repent. I gratefully acknowledge that Your Holy Spirit keeps me from habitual sin and hypocrisy and pray that You will keep Your truth before me. Thank You for this time in Your Word that shows me how sin reveals itself and has reminded me how desperately I need Your Son Jesus in my life. In His name, Amen.
LESSON 9

A Lifestyle of Obedience

SYNOPSIS

Without excuse!" Do you tremble when you read this? Do you realize every man will stand before God one day to be judged? If you really believe you'll be held accountable for your thoughts, words, and deeds, won't it change your behavior? In Romans 2, the Apostle Paul once again presents God's righteous justice. The Day of Judgment is coming . . . and we need to be ready!

QUESTIONS

1. Review Romans 1:17. How does the righteous man live?

2. Now look at Romans 2:6-11. Continue marking wrath (and its synonyms) and unrighteous. What two groups are contrasted here? How do their lifestyles differ?

3. What consequences follow the actions of each group? What is the relationship between faith and action?

4. In 1 Corinthians, Paul targets men who profess to be believers in Jesus Christ but live lifestyles of habitual sin and produce divisions in the Body of Christ. Read Chapter 6:9-11 and mark the word unrighteous. Why does Paul warn them not to be deceived? Who won't inherit the kingdom?

5. Note the verb tense in 1 Corinthians 6:11. What does this tell you about their behavior? List the three points Paul makes that sets this group apart.

6. Are you seeking to do good and to honor and glorify God? Do you obey God's Word? Whose interests are you seeking—yours or God's?

Prayer

Father, I struggle daily with choosing Your way over my own. I want to honor You and living according to Your Word, but my the flesh often overwhelms me. Lord, I know that peace and contentment come with honoring You by seeking Your kingdom first. Give me a biblical perspective to help me discern Your will and trust the power of Your Spirit to carry it out. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Fairness of God

SYNOPSIS

As we’ve studied the book of Romans, we’ve discovered that God judges according to the truth of His Word, the Gospel, and our deeds. But we need to know if God is fair. Does God always judge impartially?

QUESTIONS

1. Slowly read Romans 2:11-25 and again note whom Paul is addressing. As you read, mark the following words:
   - sin – color-code in brown
   - Law – draw two stone tablets and shade yellow (mark only the Law of God)
   - Jew – draw a blue Star of David

2. What did you learn from marking sin and Law?

3. What happens to those who have not heard the Law? Can they still be held accountable? What about those who have heard? Who is justified?

4. What does “the Jew” know? List each advantage from these verses. What does Paul claim the Gentiles (who do not have the Law) do?

5. What are Jews guilty of? What has happened to them consequently?

6. Re-read verse 25. Why is circumcision so important to the Jew?

7. How is God speaking to you here? Spend time asking Him to help you evaluate your walk with Him.

Prayer

Father, sometimes life doesn’t seem fair but thank you for the peace and freedom in knowing You hold the righteous and the unrighteous accountable. Thank you for teaching me from Your Word today. I want to be a guide to the blind and a light to those in darkness. Continue Your cleansing and sanctifying work in me so I won’t disgrace Your name. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
LESSON 11
Circumcising the Heart

SYNOPSIS
As Paul continues to build his case for the Gospel, his second chapter (in our Bibles) addresses the Jews’ confidence in the flesh that blind them to salvation by grace. What does God require of the Jew? What does He say about keeping the Law and attaining eternal life?

QUESTIONS
1. Read Romans 2:25-3:4a. Continue marking each reference to Law with the stone tablets symbol and each reference to Jew with a blue Star of David. What message is Paul conveying to the Jew? What is true circumcision?

2. Go back and mark Spirit with a purple cloud and color it yellow. Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and once more mark Spirit. What is God’s promise in these verses and what is the purpose of His Spirit? How does this relate to what you’ve learned in Romans 2?

3. What’s the best theme for Chapter 2? Record it on your Observation Worksheet and also on your “Romans at a Glance” chart at the end of the study.


5. Why does Paul say the Jew has “advantage” over the Gentiles?

6. As a believer in Jesus Christ who has experienced “the kindness of God,” how should you regard those outside the body of Christ? How does Paul’s message to the Jews speak to you?

Prayer
Lord, I thank you for bringing Your message of hope to my heart. Help me, Father, to remain humble and seek to please You. I pray for a “Samaritan’s” heart of compassion and mercy to those who remain outside Your kingdom. Incite me to deliver Your Gospel and be a constant witness of Your love, power and grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
SYNOPSIS

Have you ever failed God? Ever come up against the brick wall of unbelief? Isn’t it wonderful, child of God, that even when you fail God won’t give up on you? Paul is ready to make his final statement regarding the utter sinfulness and hopelessness of mankind. Once you fully understand man’s ultimate problem, God’s redemptive solution will strengthen your worship and praise for Him.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 3:1-18 and 23, coloring each question Paul asks in green.

2. What do you learn about the faithfulness of God to the Jews who did not believe the prophecies about the Messiah (the oracles of God)? How does this encourage you?

3. How does Paul respond to those who say God’s grace is a license to sin?

4. Recalling Romans 2’s “there is no partiality with God,” what does Paul charge in verses 3:9 and 23?

5. List verses 10-18’s points about the sinfulness of man. How do they reveal man’s desperate need for God? What does this teach you about God?

Prayer

Father God, You are holy and righteous. My attempts to comply even with my own standards are futile, and Your standards, what You rightfully demand, are impossible. Lord, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to die for my sins and obey perfectly so I can enter Your holy presence clothed in His perfect righteousness. I’m awed by Your character, faithfulness, and great love toward Your people. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
LESSON 13

Why the Law Then?

SYNOPSIS

Why did God give the Ten Commandments? If the Law is impossible to keep, what was God’s purpose for it and is this purpose valid today? Paul answers these questions and more as he concludes his discussion on sin and begins his marvelous argument for salvation.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 3:9-23. Mark the Law with yellow stone tablets and ask the 5Ws and H. Mark faith with a green book.

2. According to Romans 3:19-21, what’s the purpose of the Law? Can any man live up to its standards? What does the Law reveal about God?

3. Read Galatians 3:16 and 19-24 and continue marking the Law. Then answer the following questions:
   a. Why was the Law “added”?
   b. How long were men to live under the Law?
   c. How is the Law a “tutor”?
   d. How can man be justified?

4. Look at James 2:10. Why is it impossible to be “good enough”?

5. Lastly, look up 1 Timothy 1:8-11. Whom is the Law for?

6. How can you use the Law as an effective way to show the lost their need for God’s grace?

7. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Have you seen your great need for a Savior? If you’ve never surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, ask Him now to forgive your sins and take control of your life so you can spend eternity with Him.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for that irresistible grace that drew me to You. You have shown me my sin and revealed the great chasm between my best and Your holiness that can only be bridged by Your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen me and keep me in Your Word through this study, Lord, so I will grow in my walk with You.
SYNOPSIS

Have Paul’s arguments convinced you? Have you comprehended the depravity of sin and its consequences—eternal separation from a holy God? Can you imagine standing before the Father fully conscious of your guilt? Thankfully, precious one, the believer’s story doesn’t end with God’s wrath! The Father justly declares you “Not guilty!” when you’re “in Christ” through faith.

QUESTIONS

1. Slowly read Romans 3:21-31. Mark justify (justified, justifier) with a black cloud and color it red. (If you feel overwhelmed, don’t try to understand everything you’re reading. Simply observe the text; understanding will come later!)

2. According to verse 24, how does a sinner receive justification?

3. Carefully examine each place you marked justify to uncover its meaning from its contexts. Who’s justified? How? Apart from what? What does God do that makes Him the justifier?

4. Read the text again and this time mark references to righteousness with a yellow box (shade it purple) and faith with a green book. How is the righteousness of God manifested? What do you learn about faith?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. What does it tell you about justification? How did God reconcile man to Himself?

6. Look at the definitions in the “Did You Know?” box for greater insights into this passage. Ask God to unveil these foundational doctrines to your heart.

Prayer

Father God, thank you for declaring me “not guilty!” I deserve Your wrath because I have missed the mark . . . I have broken Your laws. Lord, thank you for Jesus who became sin for me—to pay my penalty. I’m so glad You didn’t nullify righteousness to accept my sin but instead made me pure and white in Christ through faith, to reconcile me to Yourself. In the name of Your Son, whose blood saved me. Amen.
LESSON 15

Slave No More!

SYNOPSIS

Have you ever felt like a slave? Have you been enslaved to someone or something (addicted)? Did you know the enslavement was bad for you but just couldn’t let go? Sin has this kind of hold on everyone and only God has the ability to release from its bondage.

QUESTIONS


2. Look at John 8:34 and 36. What did Jesus free us from? How does He describe the sinner? Read the “Did You Know?” box for greater understanding.

3. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19. How were you redeemed? How is Jesus described?


5. What do the redeemed in Christ receive? Look up each of the following verses and briefly list what He gives His children.
   a. Revelation 5:9
   b. Galatians 3:10 and 13
   c. Romans 8:1-2
   d. Galatians 4:4-5
   e. Titus 2:14

6. One of the greatest gifts to the believer is the Holy Spirit. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 and note when He is given and why.

7. How do you know if you’ve been redeemed? Based on the verses you’ve studied above, what evidence should be in your life?

Prayer

Father, thank you for redeeming me from slavery to sin through the precious blood of Your Son Jesus and for adopting me as Your son. I’m so grateful I can be confident that His sacrifice totally satisfied my debt and that Your Spirit will continue to guide me into righteousness. Make me zealous for You and the good deeds You’ve called me to do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Your Debt: Satisfied!

SYNOPSIS
How can one man’s sacrifice cover the sins of all sinners—liars, murderers, robbers, adulterers, idolaters? Why did God require blood? Today we’ll answer both questions as we delve into the last of the three foundational doctrines Paul lays out in Romans Chapter 3.

QUESTIONS
1. Read Romans 3:23-25 and mark propitiation in red with three drops of blood.

2. Read 1 John 4:10, 1 John 2:1-2 and John 3:16. Why did God send His Son to be a propitiation and for whom? What do we have to do to gain eternal life?

3. To get a glimpse of Israel’s sin offerings, examine Leviticus 17:11 and 16:15-16 and read the “Did You Know?” box. Why did God require blood to satisfy the debt of sin? How is this act a picture of Christ’s sacrifice?

4. Carefully read Hebrew 10:1-14. Why were Old Testament sacrifices inadequate? What was offered and how often? What do you learn about Jesus Christ’s sacrifice?

5. Spend time today praising God for offering His Son to be a complete and final sacrifice

Prayer
Lord Jesus, thank you for laying down Your life for me when I was helpless, dead in sin, Your Father’s enemy. The depth of Your love overwhelms me. And Father, I thank you for sending Your Son to purchase this freedom from the Law and its sacrifices that could never take away my sin. Sanctify me in Your truth. In the name of my Redeemer, Jesus, Amen.
LESSON 17

Sons of Abraham

SYNOPSIS

Ever feel like you've got to do something to earn God's favor? Or that you didn't do something and God is punishing you for it? Most of us struggle with the sense of needing to buy God's favor with works, but precious child this thinking is not biblical. He has already shown us in Romans Chapter 3 that no one is righteous and no one does good. It's all about faith and the Spirit has much more to teach you as we continue our study.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 3:26-4:5. (Chapters were added later for easy reading, but you'll note that this section can be read as a single flow of thought.) Continue to mark Law with stone tablets and faith with a green book.

2. Whom is Paul primarily speaking to in this passage? Why does he present Abraham as an example of faith to this particular audience?


4. Read Genesis 15:1-6 and John 8:56. What exactly did Abraham believe that saved him?

5. According to Romans 4:4-5, why are we not saved by works?

6. Application begins with faith in God's Word, repentance—changing mind. How has God used this study to change your thinking? How does faith in God's truths and promises impact your walk with Christ?

7. Record your theme for Romans Chapter 3 on your Observation Worksheet and also on your At a Glance chart at the end of the study

CROSS-REFERENCES

Romans 3:26-4:5
Genesis 12:1-3
Revelation 5
Galatians 3:6-8
Genesis 15:1-6
John 8:56

Did You Know?

“Believe” and “faith” come from the same Greek root, pistis. Faith is full assent (no doubt, no compromise) to God’s truths. True faith produces right living, in accord with God’s will.

Reckon (logizomai): impute, add an asset (or liability) to a person's account. Christ’s death for our sins and perfect righteousness are 100% assets.

Romans 4 can be broken down into four segments: salvation apart from works (1-8); salvation apart from circumcision (9-12); salvation apart from the Law (13-16); and Abraham’s faith (17-25).

Prayer

Father God, conform my mind to Your truth. I want to have faith like Your servant Abraham who believed and walked in the light of Your promises. Lord, free me from lies that cause me to think I have to earn Your favor rather than rest on Your provision in Jesus Christ. I praise You today for imputing both His sacrifice and His righteousness to my account. In His name I pray, Amen.
It’s All About Faith!

SYNOPSIS

It’s hard to listen to a powerful testimony without comparing yourself, isn’t it? You may think, “I’m filled with so much unbelief; my faith is so small.” But this isn’t much of a challenge for God, dear child, and His work didn’t stop when you first came to Christ. He’ll strengthen your faith and bring you to maturity.

QUESTIONS

1. Carefully read Romans 4:3-25 and mark reckoned with a red check. Mark faith and its synonym believe with a green book. (You may want to review the “Did You Know?” box from the previous lesson for additional insights.)

2. According to verses 3-8 who is blessed and why?

3. Mark circumcision with a red knife in verses 9-12. Was Abraham reckoned righteous before or after he was circumcised? What’s Paul’s point?

4. What was the purpose of circumcision? Do believers have to be circumcised today?


6. Examine verses 17-25, noting how Abraham’s faith progresses. What did he believe? How was his faith tested? How does his faith encourage you?

7. Choose a theme for Romans 4 and record it on your Observation Worksheet and your At A Glance chart.

Prayer

Father, thank you for leaving Abraham’s example for us to model. I lay my life down before you once more and ask that you grow me. Destroy my unbelief and strengthen my faith in Your promises. Show me the areas in my life where I need to let go and look heavenward. I do believe all Your promises—You are able to perform Your precious work in and through me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
LESSON 19

Standing On God’s Promises

SYNOPSIS
For thousands of years people have written about the soul’s struggle to find peace. With techniques like meditating and organizing and appeals to “spirituality,” authors have claimed they can cure the aches left in our hearts from broken promises and failed dreams. But only the God who justifies can give peace – the kind of peace that carries us through our toughest trials.

QUESTIONS
1. Read Romans 5:1-5. Mark therefore with three red dots in the shape of a triangle. Also mark key words justified, faith, and grace with a blue box shaded yellow.

2. What main point has Paul just concluded in chapter 4? Explain the therefore that begins 5:1?

3. What did you learn from marking grace?

4. Underline stand and put a period before the underline. Read the “Did You Know?” box for additional insights.

5. According to chapters 1-3, sinners can expect God’s wrath. What can the justified (in chapter 5) exult (rejoice) in?

6. What do tribulations produce? How does “the hope of glory” sustain you through trials? Who carries you through them?

7. Lastly, read Ephesians 2:11-18. What were you “formerly?” How is Jesus “our peace,” and how did He reconcile us to the Father?

Prayer
Lord, without You our hearts are filled with constant wrestling and hopelessness. By the blood of Jesus, I now stand in the grace that saved me, looking forward to spending eternity with You. Help me stay focused on this eternity as the world continues to barrage me with trials and tribulations that challenge my faith. May they produce the character that reflects your light. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Much More of Salvation

SYNOPSIS

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be loved unconditionally? Imagine someone knowing all your hidden thoughts and motives and saying, “I still love you; I’ll always love you; I’ll never let you go.” Well, God does! He not only loves you, He’s also willing to remove the imperfections and stains of your flesh to make you pure and holy.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 5:3-11, marking previously identified key words. Also mark love with a red heart. If it refers to God’s love, shade it yellow.

2. To “exult” in tribulations means to rejoice in the midst of trials. Read Job 6:10 and 23:10. How did Job persevere? What did he believe the trial would accomplish in his life?

3. What did you learn from marking love? How is God’s love poured out? How is it demonstrated?

4. Examine Galatians 5:22-23. How do these verses relate to what you found in Romans 5?

5. Underline while we were phrases. What was our condition before God when Christ died? How does this reveal God’s unconditional love for you?

6. Now mark much more phrases. In addition to declaring believers righteous (justified), what else did Christ’s death accomplish?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I rejoice today in your love for me. It’s amazing to know that when I was helplessly lost and Your enemy, You laid down Your life for me. Lord, help me stand firm and place my trust in You. May every victory in tribulation bring glory to Your name and draw others to You. In Your name I pray, Amen.
RECONCILED TO GOD

SYNOPSIS

Do you have any broken relationships? Perhaps someone you love just gave up on you and walked away forever. How agonizing it is to wonder for so long a time what became of that beloved friend or family member. If you know this kind of pain, you can understand God’s will to reconcile men to Himself. Today you’ll catch a glimpse of His heart!

QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 5:10-11 and observe how believers are reconciled to God. What is the “much more” of salvation according to these verses?

2. Look at John 15:13-15. Describe the “slave” and “friend” relationships to Jesus. How does the change from slave to friend happen, and how does this compare with what you learned in Romans?

3. If Christ’s death reconciled us to God, how are we saved by His life? Examine Hebrews 7:24-25 for insight.

4. Carefully read 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, 14-21, noting that Paul is speaking to believers. What happens at the judgment seat of Christ? How then should we live according to the text?


6. What do you learn about reconciliation from this passage? Mark the reference to ministry with a megaphone as you would gospel. What is your responsibility?

Prayer

Father, I truly exult to know that nothing can ever snatch me from Your hand. Lord, when I surrendered my life to You, I accepted the responsibility to be Your ambassador to the world, sharing Your word of reconciliation. Help me obey this calling. Open the ears of those around me to hear Your message of truth and bring conviction to their hearts. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
LESSON 22

From Death to Life

SYNOPSIS

Death reigns on earth. Termination strikes everyone, and most spend their days living in fear of and distracting themselves from its inevitability. Where do you stand, Beloved? Do you fear death’s approach or do you firmly believe the Word in Philippians 1 that to depart to be with Christ is “very much better” than anything this life offers? With God’s peace comes the hope of glory, and with reconciliation, freedom from death in the gift of eternal life.

QUESTIONS

1. Slowly read Romans 5:12-21 and think about how the remainder of this chapter ties in with all you’ve learned in Romans. Now go back and mark the following key words:

- death with a tombstone
- sin in brown; also mark its synonym transgression
- law with two stone tablets
- free gift in any distinctive color
- much more as you marked it previously
- grace with a blue box, shaded yellow.

2. When did sin and death first enter the world? When did God first hold man accountable for sin?

3. Make a chart with two columns, listing everything you learn in verse order about Adam and Jesus. (Use words from the text so you don’t change the meaning by mistake. Then evaluate your list. You’ll be amazed at how much truth you’ve gleaned!)

4. What did you learn from marking transgression? What did it result in? How is it contrasted with the free gift? What did you learn from marking free gift?

5. If you have accepted God’s free gift, what have you been freed from? How does this knowledge affect you? Read Romans 3:23 and 6:23.

6. Spend time thanking God for making His truth evident to you in these first two sections of Romans. If you have time, review all you learned about sin and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Father, thank you for the gift of righteousness through Your Son Jesus Christ. There is so “much more” to salvation than reconciliation. I can now walk in freedom from the bondage and condemnation of sin and in the richness of life. I praise You for these truths and ask that you increase my understanding of Your Word and my conformity to it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
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# Romans 1–5 at a Glance

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PAUL, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for
the gospel of God,
2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy
Scriptures,
3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David
according to the flesh,
4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection
from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our
Lord,
5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring
about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name’s
sake,
6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to
you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your
faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.
9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel
of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of
you,
10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the
will of God I may succeed in coming to you.
11 For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift
to you, that you may be established;
12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among
you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine.
13 And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have
planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order
that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the
rest of the Gentiles.
I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing to be wise, they became fools,

and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.
And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper.

being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,
slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.
THEREFORE you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

3 And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10 but glory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

13 for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,
in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

But if you bear the name “Jew,” and rely upon the Law, and boast in God,

and know His will, and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one should not steal, do you steal?

You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” just as it is written.

For indeed circumcision is of value, if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

If therefore the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

And will not he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.
THEN what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written,

   “That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words,
   And mightest prevail when Thou art judged.”

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise how will God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

10 as it is written,

    “There is none righteous, not even one;
    There is none who understands,
    There is none who seeks for God;
    All have turned aside, together they have become useless;
    There is none who does good,
    There is not even one.”

13 “Their throat is an open grave,
    With their tongues they keep deceiving,”
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;
14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;
15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood,
16 Destruction and misery are in their paths,
17 And the path of peace have they not known.”
18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”
19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God;
20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.
28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.
29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,
30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.
31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.
WHAT then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? “AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness,

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

7 “BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

8 “BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.”

9 Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, “FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

10 How then was it reckoned? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;

11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them,

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.
For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it is by faith, that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, (as it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore also it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.
THEREFORE having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinnedC

13 for until the Law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

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

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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Suggested Markings for Key Words

author: Paul, I, my

recipients: you, your

faith

wrath wrath

righteousness unrighteousness

while we were

dependent: you, your

therefore

judgment of God

Law Jew

exchange sin grace

circumcision

God gave them over without excuse

love love of God

redeem justify

propitiation death

reckoned

references to time

power

gospel ministry