

Gaining A Greater Grasp on The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Defining the Details of Our Life Assurance Policy: The Premium Is Paid—in-Full & Everything's Covered!

—Romans 5:12–21

—“The gospel is so rich, so immense, simply because it is a reflection of God. Paul’s desire to ‘preach the gospel’ is not simply a desire to repeat the same truths concerning salvation, but a passionate desire to expose the Romans to the riches of the gospel, and thus to the glory of God, in all of its vast dimensions: its height and depth; its length and width. In the Book of Romans Paul takes those themes he has introduced at the beginning of his epistle, and returns to them, filling in more and more detail, and exposing the reader to the wealth which is in Christ. It is an inexhaustible wealth, something that enriches and encourages our faith.” —**Bob Deffinbaugh**

—So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. —**1 Corinthians 15:45**

The MAIN EMPHASIS from Today’s Study

Throughout _____ history, there are _____
that have _____ than any other!
Adam’s disobedience _____ !
Christ’s act of _____ provides
_____ for _____ in Him!

Romans 5–8 = Our Life Assurance Policy!

—“Christ undid all the damage caused by Adam’s sin. When we place our trust in His sacrifice as our Substitute, God declares us to be righteous, not guilty, absolutely acceptable to Him!” —**GAD**

—A **RAPID REVIEW** of What We’re Learning in Romans 1–5:

—1} Paul’s **REASON** to write = The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who trusts in God’s provision.

—It also motivates & obligates believers to spread the Good News!

—2} God’s **REVELATION** = No one is excused from submitting to God’s authority because God has revealed Himself through creation.

—3} Mankind’s **REBELLIOUS RESISTANCE** = The suppression of God’s truth results in God’s wrath! God’s holiness requires wrath toward sin!

—4} God’s **RIGHTEOUSNESS** = God’s justice is perfect. His wrath is balanced by His grace. People are justified (declared righteous by God) by acknowledging God’s grace through trusting in Christ’s victory over sin and death. It’s impossible to earn righteousness by human effort!

—5} The **RICHES** of being justified by God’s grace = Since saved sinners have a personal relationship with God thru Christ, all their sins are forgiven and they can be absolutely assured that they will never face God’s wrath, judgment, or condemnation!

—6} The **REIGN** of grace = Sinners are rescued from the penalty for sin by grace through depending on God’s provision!

—Three Questions to Help Us Dig Deeper Into Our Study:

—Was it fair for God to condemn the whole world simply because one man (Adam) sinned? —or— Why was it appropriate?

—If each of us had been in Adam’s place, would we have resisted the temptation to disobey God’s command?

—How is it possible for God to rescue (save) sinners by the death of Jesus Christ?

Three TRUTHS that help us answer these questions:

—1— Adam’s sin _____ every person (except Jesus Christ) with the _____! {Romans 5:12–14}

—2— The _____ of Christ _____ the _____ done by Adam’s sin! {Romans 5:15–19}

—Adam’s act = a transgression

—Christ’s act = a gift that

—The result = all who

—3— God’s Law _____ the _____ of sin, but it also _____ the _____ of God’s _____! {Romans 5:18–21}

—These truths are laying the foundation for the next “**page of God’s life assurance policy.**” How can we avoid having to file a claim because of damages caused by sin?

—LIFE LESSONS:

—1} Do I _____ the impact & influence of sin? God takes sin seriously, but most people are tempted to rationalize and justify their sinful actions.

—2} Where do I find my _____? Everyone either identifies with Adam or with Christ.

—3— Where do I find _____? The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ provides and promises us the forgiveness of our sins (past, present, & future)!