

CHAPTERS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE  
ROMANS CHAPTER 5 May 2019

- I. ADAM'S TRESPASS BROUGHT ABOUT SPIRITUAL DEATH THAT THE RIGHTEOUS ACT OF CHRIST RECTIFIED. VS. 17-18
- A. The phrase "one man" is used four times in the chapter to establish imputation.
1. The sin nature entered by one man, Adam. Vs. 12
  2. Grace entered by one man, Jesus Christ. Vs. 15
  3. The death reigned by one man, Adam. vs. 17
  4. By one man's (Adam's) disobedience, many were constituted sinners. Vs. 19
- B. The word "if" is a first class condition and can be translated "since". Vs. 17
- C. "Death" reigned (aor. Act. ind. ) due to Adam's trespass. Vs. 17
1. The articular use of thanatos is used in the New Testament primarily of physical death. Cf. Rm. 5:12, 14; 1st Co. 15:21, 54
  2. "Reigned" is the word basileusen (aor. Act. ind.) which means to reign as a king.cf. Rom. 5:21
- D. The converse of death reigning due to Adam's trespass is righteousness reigning due to Jesus Christ. Vs. 17
1. "Much more" is the combination of:
    - a) The adjective poulus -- much
    - b) The adverb of comparison mallon -- "**to a greater degree, rather.**" -- Joseph Thayer
  2. "They which receive" is better translated "the ones receiving" : vs. 17
    - a) "The abundance of the grace" or rather, "the abundance from the grace".
      - (1) "Abundance" is perisseia which Strong's defines as "**surplusage.**" 2 Co. 8:2 (is used of that which is overflowing joy)
      - (2) "Of grace" is better translated from grace.
    - b) "The gift of righteousness" is better translated "the gift from the righteousness".
      - (1) "Gift is the word dorea -- translated as a no strings attached gift. Cf. vs. 15; John 4:10
      - (2) The articular use of Righteousness is used of the righteous act of the Son that results in the believer being declared righteous. Cf. Rom. 4:11;

3. "They which receive" (or the ones receiving) the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness) shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ. Vs. 17
    - a) "Shall reign" is (fut. Act. ind. Of basileuo)
    - b) "In life" in a sphere of eternal life. Cf. Rom. 5:10
    - c) "By one" is better "through the agency of The One)
    - d) Jesus (the One dying) Christ (The One being raised from the dead)
- E. Though the offence of the one man, Adam produced that which Jesus Christ rectified. Vs. 18
1. The offence produced condemnation (katakrima -- literally a judgment against) cf. vs. 16 (the result of Adam's sin); Rom. 8:1 (rectified by the work of Christ)
  2. The righteous act of The One produced justification (dikaiosin -- the act of being declared right) cf. Rom. 4:25 (Christ was raised for); 2 Co. 5:21 (the believer accounted to be)
- II. ALL MEN WERE CONSTITUTED SINNERS THROUGH ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE. VS. 19
- A. The word for "disobedience" is parakoe of the refusal to yield to instruction from God. cf. Heb. 2:2 (of some under law); 2 Co. 10:6 (of the Corinthians)
1. The use of the word "by" is the Greek preposition dia which can be translated through the instrumentality of.
  2. "The one man's" (Adam)
  3. "Many" is better translated "the many" is a term used several times of the elect. Cf. Rom. 5:19 (twice); 1 Co. 10:17
- B. The "obedience" of the One Man brought righteousness to "the many". Vs. 19
1. "Obedience" is hupakoe -- literally, to hear under; yield. cf. Rom. 6:16
  2. "Be made" is (fut. Pass. ind. Of kathistemi -- constituted)
- III. GOD USED LAW TO PROVE THE INABILITY OF MAN TO ATTAIN TO A STANDARD ONLY REACHED BY GRACE. VS. 20-21
- A. "Law" is the word "nomos" (without the article -- there were previously no law given -- Rom. 5:13) vs. 20
1. "Entered" pareiserchomai (aor. Act. ind.)-- "**to come in along side fo a state of things already existing**". -- Reinecker/Rogers cf. Gal. 2:4 (of false brethren who came in by stealth)
  2. The purpose of the law entering was in order that the (previously mentioned -- verse 18) trespass might "abound" -- huperperisseuo -- "**to become more in abundance.**" -- Reinecker/Rogers

B. Where the sin nature abounded, grace did much more abound. Vs. 20

C. The reason for the trespass abounding. Vs. 21

1. As the sin nature reigned by “the death” (separation from God)
2. Grace reigns because of a quality of righteousness
  - a) Into eternal life
  - b) Through Jesus Christ our Lord.