

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 20

A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Morning Series

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:20—21

Prayer:

Romans 5: “Therefore”

The *justification* theme continues in this chapter as the Apostle Paul continues to present the arguments for salvation through Jesus Christ.

However, as we have been looking at the “**mechanics**” of *justification* (if you will), now we are going to start looking at the “**consequences**” or “benefits” that come from receiving our *justification*.

Romans 5 may be divided into four major parts as follows:

- A. The of Consequences of Justification (Romans 5:1-5)
- B. The Causes of Justification (Romans 5:6-11)
- C. **The Comparisons in Justification** (Romans 5:12-19)
- D. **The Contrasts in Justification** (Romans 5:20, 21)
(Today)

Last Week: “The Comparisons in Justification”

- I. **The Persons in the Comparison** (Romans 5:6, 7)
- II. **The Products in the Comparison** (Romans 5:8)

So, let's get started...

“The Contrasts in Justification”

The chapter ends with some significant contrasts of law and grace regarding justification/salvation and its blessings.

- I. **The Curse of the Law** (Romans 5:20, 21)

The work of the law is not to save.

It is to condemn, to cause people to see their need for salvation. (Galatians 3:24).

Galatians 3:24 (KJV)

²⁴Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Notice TWO things here:

- A. ***The law brings defilement.***

“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound” (Romans 5:20).

The law does not save; it only condemns.

B. **The law brings death.**

"That as sin hath reigned unto death" ([Romans 5:21](#)).

The law can only condemn, not save, so it only brings death, not life.

II. **The Conquering by Grace (Romans 5:21)**

"Grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" ([Romans 5:21](#)).

Grace conquers sin and therefore reigns through the Gospel.

A. **The character of the reign.**

"...Reign through righteousness" ([Romans 5:21](#)). "...Much more abound" ([Romans 5:20](#)).

Two aspects of the character of the reign of grace are given here.

First, the purity in the character. "*Reign through righteousness.*"

Grace does not encourage sin as some would have us think, but it promotes purity, holiness.

Governments of this world do not reign in righteousness but in guile and corruption.

Second, the plentifulness in the character. "*Much more abound...*"

What we lost by sin we more than gain back through Christ in salvation.

B. **The consequences of the reign.**

"Reign through righteousness unto eternal life" ([Romans 5:21](#)).

The reign of grace brings "*eternal life*" to the soul.

"For by grace are ye saved [given eternal life]" ([Ephesians 2:8](#)).

"Let not sin... reign... that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" ([Romans 6:12](#)).

C. **The Christ in the reign.**

"By Jesus Christ our Lord" ([Romans 5:21](#)).

The reign of grace in the soul is the reign of Jesus Christ in the soul.

Salvation comes through Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

There is no eternal life apart from Jesus Christ.

There is no soul salvation (*justification*) apart from Jesus Christ.

That, my friends is the context of chapter 5.

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

Have you known the “blessing” of “justification?”

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