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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,²⁷ we²⁸ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access into this grace in which we stand, and we boast of our hope of glory. We also boast of our sufferings, because we know that our sufferings end in glory.²⁹ For if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we have suffered with him, we will also be glorified with him. For if we have been united with him in death, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.³⁰ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For once we were enslaved to sin, but now we are free from sin. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.³¹ For the judgment following the trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.³² For if, because of one trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass brought condemnation for all men, so also the free gift of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man many will be made righteous.³³ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

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Christ abounded for many.³⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following the trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.³⁷ For if, because of one trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass brought condemnation for all men, so also the free gift of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man many will be made righteous.³⁸ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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⁶What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁸For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in

order that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has been set free from sin, is free from sin. Now with Christ, we believe that we will never die from the dead, will never die no longer has dominion over death he died he died to sin, the life he lives he lives to God. We must consider ourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your body, to make you obey its passions. Present your members as slaves to righteousness, but not to unrighteousness, but present to God as those who have been made alive to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness. For sin has no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁸What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that you yourselves are slaves to whom you obey? For you are slaves of the one whom you obey, whether of sin or of obedience, which leads to righteousness. You were slaves to sin, but now you are slaves to God, that you who were slaves to sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, your natural limitations. For you presented your members as slaves to lawlessness leading to death, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, so that you will obtain eternal life.

⁶ For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

ROMANS 9:6-7

⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”

ROMANS 9:8-9

¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—

ROMANS 9:10-11

¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

ROMANS 9:12-13

14 What shall we say then? Is there
injustice on God's part? By no means!
15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy
on whom I have mercy, and I will have
compassion on whom I have compassion."

ROMANS 9:14-15

¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.
¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”

ROMANS 9:16-17

¹⁸ So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.
¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”

ROMANS 9:18-19

²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

ROMANS 9:20-21

22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

ROMANS 9:22-23

²⁴ even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

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- 2. Does God's hatred of Esau make him unjust?**

3. On what basis are we to understand God's love of Jacob and hatred of Esau as just?

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4. Can we resist the will of God?

- *Is our theology leading to doxology?*
- *Is our knowledge and understanding of God leading to a greater worship of God?*
- *And if not, why?*

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So there is as one trespass that brought condemnation for all men, so also is the free gift that brought justification and life for all men by the one Jesus Christ's disobedience to the law, so that many will be made righteous, so by one man's obedience that many will be made righteous.²⁰ No condemnation will come in to those who increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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