

GOLDEN TEXT: ROMANS 5:10 (KJV) “ FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, BEING RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.”

RECONCILIATION TO GOD

Study Outline:

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In the first four chapters of Romans, Paul focuses on how a person can get right with God. From chapters 6 through 8, he discusses justification. But here in chapter five, he has a bridge between getting right with God and being justified, in being reconciled and having peace with God.

Reconciliation means the “restoration to friendship or harmony” according to the 2008 Pathway Evangelical Commentary. The word (seen in verse 10) is from the Greek *katallasso*, which means to change from enmity to friendship.

Here are some examples: **ROMANS 5:10 (KJV) FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, BEING RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 7:11 (KJV) “ BUT AND IF SHE DEPART, LET HER REMAIN UNMARRIED, OR BE RECONCILED TO HER HUSBAND: AND LET NOT THE HUSBAND PUT AWAY HIS WIFE. “

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20 (KJV) “ 18 AND ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD, WHO HATH RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF BY JESUS CHRIST, AND HATH GIVEN TO US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; 19 TO WIT, THAT GOD WAS IN CHRIST, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, NOT IMPUTING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM; AND HATH COMMITTED UNTO US THE WORD OF RECONCILIATION. 20 NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD DID BESEECH YOU BY US: WE PRAY YOU IN CHRIST’S STEAD, BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD. “

Man in the garden was in perfect harmony and friendship with God. Yahweh would manifest Himself to Adam in the cool of the day and walk with Adam. Sin separated man from Yahweh (God). See, we don’t understand the truly damaging effects of sin.

SIN TURNED GOD’S GREATEST AND MOST CHERISHED CREATION ON EARTH INTO GOD’S ENEMY BECAUSE SIN IS THE ENEMY OF GOD. And sin is like leaven... a little leaveneth the whole lump. Sin corrupts and changes a spiritual mind and brings carnality and sinfulness. **SIN IS THE ABSOLUTE REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND HIS WILL.** Sin is God’s enemy. And sin has corrupted us.

I. MOTIVATED BY GOD’S LOVE

A. **Finding Peace with God**

ROMANS 5:1 (KJV) “ THEREFORE BEING JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: “

How are we justified or declared righteous? We are justified by faith. God in His grace looks at us and instead of our own sins, sees the righteousness of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ and declares us righteous! We have this through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

We are saved by faith, and that makes us justified in God’s sight as He sees Jesus instead of us. Then that right relationship with God through faith brings us **“PEACE”** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SIN MADE US AN ENEMY OF GOD. Sin is the enemy of God, and when sin rules your mind, then your very thoughts are against God and His will. Sin is the enemy, and **IF WE COULD SEE IT FOR WHAT IT IS, THEN WE WOULD HATE SIN AS GOD HATES SIN.**

ROMANS 8:6-8 (KJV) “ 6 FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH; BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE. 7 BECAUSE THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE. 8 SO THEN THEY THAT ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD. “

COLOSSIANS 1:21 (KJV) AND YOU, THAT WERE SOMETIME ALIENATED AND ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY WICKED WORKS, YET NOW HATH HE RECONCILED

JAMES 4:4 (KJV) YE ADULTERERS AND ADULTERESSES, KNOW YE NOT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD? WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.

You do not want to be God's enemy! That is a complete no-win situation. But that is what people do when they decide to compromise with sin and allow sin to corrupt and destroy their own lives. The short-lived pleasure that sin gives is not worth the total destruction and death that it brings.

We literally stop God's touch, God's blessing, God's life, God's anointing in our lives when we turn from God and give our bodies and minds unto sin. And sin becomes the puppet strings that demons use to manipulate us against our Heavenly Father.

When we consciously decide to go after sin, what we are doing is literally giving comfort and aid to God's enemy. And we are putting the knife to our own throats and starting on a road that can only lead to death and destruction. Sin kills. **ROMANS 6:23 (KJV) FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.**

The truth is that without Jesus, **THE SIN IN OUR MINDS AND LIVES MAKES US THE ENEMIES OF GOD AND WE ARE UNDER THE WRATH OF GOD ALREADY.**

JOHN 3:36 (KJV) HE THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE: AND HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE; BUT THE WRATH OF GOD ABIDETH ON HIM.

ROMANS 1:18 (KJV) FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN, WHO HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS;

Two quick things here... all those who are sinners and have never been born again are under the wrath of God. When they sin, that sin is recorded against them and heaped up until their judgment. They shall suffer the death of that sin throughout all eternity in the Lake of Fire.

But a child of God does not have their sins heaped up against a later date. In fact, the Bible makes it clear that if you are now His child, that when you sin He will chasten you immediately for when you decide to rebel against your Abba Father. He will chasten and sometimes scourge you out of love so that you do not fall deeper into the destructive power of sin.

A SINNER CAN SIN AND NOT THINK TWICE ABOUT IT. That sin is just heaped up against them and they will pay for it forever and ever and ever and ever in eternity. But the child of God is not allowed to just let it go. **THEY WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR SIN QUICKLY IF THEY ARE NOT REPENTED OF.** They will lose the fruit of the Spirit and become miserable, and then God will bring things into your life to correct you as the **PRODIGAL SON**. Sin will take you back to the hog's pen of the world, and misery will set in until you get your right mind back and remember your loving Father and the life that you threw away in rebellion.

HEBREWS 12:6-11 (KJV) 6 FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, AND SCOURGETH EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVETH. 7 IF YE ENDURE CHASTENING, GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENETH NOT? 8 BUT IF YE BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN ARE YE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS. 9 FURTHERMORE WE HAVE HAD FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE: SHALL WE NOT MUCH RATHER BE IN SUBJECTION UNTO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, AND LIVE? 10 FOR THEY VERILY FOR A FEW DAYS CHASTENED US AFTER THEIR OWN PLEASURE; BUT HE FOR OUR PROFIT, THAT WE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS. 11 NOW NO CHASTENING FOR THE PRESENT SEEMETH TO BE JOYOUS, BUT GRIEVOUS: NEVERTHELESS AFTERWARD IT YIELDETH THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO THEM WHICH ARE EXERCISED THEREBY.

The chastening of the Lord is not the wrath of God. Chastening occurs out of love, and wrath is a direct result of the judgment against sin on the lost. Having said that, there will be a greater wrath on those who knew the Lord and became apostates or fell away and rejected Jesus outright after

knowing Him. **HEBREWS 10:29 (KJV) OF HOW MUCH SORER PUNISHMENT, SUPPOSE YE, SHALL HE BE THOUGHT WORTHY, WHO HATH TRODDEN UNDER FOOT THE SON OF GOD, AND HATH COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHEREWITH HE WAS SANCTIFIED, AN UNHOLY THING, AND HATH DONE DESPITE UNTO THE SPIRIT OF GRACE?**

The wrath of God is a direct result of the rebellion of SIN. **BUT THE PEACE OF GOD IS PRESENT WHEN WE HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF GOD**

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WE HAVE PEACE FROM THE WRATH OF GOD!

ROMANS 5:2 (KJV) BY WHOM ALSO WE HAVE ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE WHEREIN WE STAND, AND REJOICE IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

Jesus said in John 10, **JOHN 10:9-10 (KJV) “ 9 I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE. 10 THE THIEF COMETH NOT, BUT FOR TO STEAL, AND TO KILL, AND TO DESTROY: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY. “**

THAT DOOR (JESUS CHRIST) HAS GIVEN US ACCESS BY FAITH in this grace of God where we can stand in the peace of God and be saved from the judgment and wrath of God Almighty! He is the door, and the only way that we can have peace and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God!

JOHN 14:6 (KJV) JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

GRACE is a beautiful word. It means that you didn't deserve it or merit it or earn it, but God loved you enough to give you His favor anyway just because of who He is. And through faith in Jesus Christ, you can enter into this safety zone of grace and know that you have hope and have been delivered from the judgment of God.

This place of “GRACE” is a place where WE CAN STAND, and we get through the **door** or entry into that grace through faith in Jesus Christ. **That grace gives us hope of the glory of God!**

Because that we have hope in Jesus Christ and eternal live through Him and have been reconciled unto God through Jesus, then **WE ARE TO REJOICE IN THAT HOPE OF GOD!** We are called out of darkness into His marvelous light and we should rejoice.

C. **Producing Hope through Trials**

**ROMANS 5:3-5 (KJV) “ 3 AND NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS ALSO: KNOWING THAT TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE;
4 AND PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE; AND EXPERIENCE, HOPE:
5 AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED; BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN UNTO US. “**

This is something that is not preached on too much in these days of feel-good religion, but the truth is that we are all going to have times of trials that will come just from being in a world that has been corrupted by sin. And God will use these times of trials to bring good in us, and that is a real reason to rejoice.

We not only rejoice for the hope that is ahead of us in eternal life forever with the Lord, but we can rejoice at the hard times that we all have to go through, that God is working a greater good in us and will make us more than we were before we started going through them.

PSALMS 34:19 (KJV) “ MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE LORD DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL. “

JOHN 16:33 (KJV) “ THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN UNTO YOU, THAT IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE. IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION: BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. “

ROMANS 8:28 (KJV) “ AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. “

JAMES 1:2-4 (KJV) “ 2 MY BRETHREN, COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YE FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS; 3 KNOWING THIS, THAT THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE. 4 BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE HER PERFECT WORK, THAT YE MAY BE PERFECT AND ENTIRE, WANTING NOTHING. “

We are promised that we will have tribulations or trials. **Hard times are coming really if you are a Christian or not.** If you are not a Christian, then you don't have God to help you and these things will just help speed your own destruction. But as a child of God, God will bring the power to endure and through that endurance (patience), He will bring wisdom and experience and hope making you more and more a mature and complete child of God.

What Satan and the world and others might mean for harm to you, God will take it as you pray and walk with Him in faith, and turn it and work it to your own good. **WHAT IS MEANT FOR EVIL WILL BE TURNED FOR GOOD IN YOUR LIFE AS YOU WALK IN FAITH.**

He makes us strong by making us overcomers in the storm. It isn't that we will never have storms or problems, but He gives us power to be overcomers in them and we are called by God to cast our cares upon Him that we don't bear them alone. He is always with us, and that teaches us faith in Him. **1 PETER 5:7 (KJV) CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM; FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU.**

ROMANS 8:37 (KJV) NAY, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US.

THERE IS NO VICTORY OUTSIDE OF A BATTLE. HOW CAN WE BE MADE OVERCOMERS IF THERE IS NOTHING TO OVERCOME?

- *Tribulation works endurance or patience.*
- *Endurance works experience as God gets involved in our lives and situations.*
- *Experience in this walk of faith brings hope.*

ROMANS 5:3-5 (NASB) “ 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. “

Hope is not going to let us down, because we have the love of God being poured in our hearts through all of these things. **THROUGH IT ALL, WE LEARN JUST HOW MUCH THAT GOD REALLY LOVES US AND IS TAKING US THROUGH EACH OF THESE HARD TIMES.**

We live in a sin-cursed world, and hard times is just plain there if you like it or not. But God pours out His love into our lives and hearts, and we get through these times stronger and better because of God and His hand on our lives.

We also develop compassion for others as we go through things ourselves. It is easy sometimes to write off someone else's struggles and weaknesses when you yourself have never had to deal with anything of the sort. But experience changes that and gives us compassion for others making us more of a complete and loving child of God.

D. **Demonstrating God's Love**

ROMANS 5:6-8 (KJV) “ 6 FOR WHEN WE WERE YET WITHOUT STRENGTH, IN DUE TIME CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY. 7 FOR SCARCELY FOR A RIGHTEOUS MAN WILL ONE DIE: YET PERADVENTURE FOR A GOOD MAN SOME WOULD EVEN DARE TO DIE. 8 BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US. “

ROMANS 5:6-8 (AMP) “ 6 WHILE WE WERE YET IN WEAKNESS [POWERLESS TO HELP OURSELVES], AT THE FITTING TIME CHRIST DIED FOR (IN BEHALF OF) THE UNGODLY. 7 NOW IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY THING FOR ONE TO GIVE HIS LIFE EVEN FOR AN UPRIGHT MAN, THOUGH PERHAPS FOR A NOBLE AND LOVABLE AND GENEROUS BENEFACTOR

SOMEONE MIGHT EVEN DARE TO DIE. 8 BUT GOD SHOWS AND CLEARLY PROVES HIS [OWN] LOVE FOR US BY THE FACT THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST (THE MESSIAH, THE ANOINTED ONE) DIED FOR US. “

We had no power to save ourselves. We had no power to be righteous in ourselves. We could not be good enough and do enough good things and belong to enough good groups and churches on Earth to be worthy of helping ourselves. We were without strength or power to save ourselves, and in that time, Jesus Christ came and died for us.

We were ungodly without Jesus. If you are hearing or reading this, and you do not have Jesus in your life, you yourself are ungodly. **UNGODLY MEANS “WITHOUT GOD”, AND HAVING A LIFESTYLE OF NOT WALKING WITH GOD.** We have no way of being godly without God in our lives, and the only way to have God in our lives (John 14:6) is to go through Jesus Christ.

He died so that we could have God back in our lives. Adam rejected God out of his life through sin, but Jesus Christ (the Last Adam) died so that we could have life through having God back in our lives. **JESUS DIED NOT FOR THE WORTH, BUT THE UNWORTHY.** Jesus died for you and for me and we did not deserve it at all. **HE DID IT OUT OF LOVE'S SAKE.**

We were enemies of God through the sin in our lives that drove us, but Jesus loved us enough to come and die for us to pay the penalty for our sins for us. We, who were enemies of God through sin, can become the friends of God through Jesus Christ and be adopted into His family by faith.

JOHN 3:16-21 (KJV) “ 16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. 17 FOR GOD SENT NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. 18 HE THAT BELIEVETH ON HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED: BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. 19 AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. 20 FOR EVERY ONE THAT DOETH EVIL HATETH THE LIGHT, NEITHER COMETH TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE REPROVED. 21 BUT HE THAT DOETH TRUTH COMETH TO THE LIGHT, THAT HIS DEEDS MAY BE MADE MANIFEST, THAT THEY ARE WROUGHT IN GOD. “

It takes the light of Jesus Christ to destroy the darkness. We have no power to break the power of darkness over and out of our life without Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

While we were still God's enemies, He loves us enough to die for us and make a way for us to step into this place of grace and hope. He loved the world (humanity) that much. He loved you before you loved Him. He loves the foulest of the lost as much as He loves you and me. The only difference is that those who are born again have used faith to enter into that love and hope away from His wrath.

Sin brings the wrath and judgment of God, but God made a way for us to be free from that wrath.

God looked at you and me when we were still sinners and saw a potential friend and child. That is the agape love of God in action. For God so loved... He gave... and those of us who believe, have life and salvation.

II. ACCOMPLISHED BY CHRIST

A. **Saving us from Wrath**

ROMANS 5:9-11 (KJV) “ 9 MUCH MORE THEN, BEING NOW JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM.

10 FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, BEING RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

11 AND NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO JOIN IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE ATONEMENT. “

You could spend a week on these few scriptures alone.

The life is in the blood. Jesus Christ had the perfect sinless blood of the Last Adam. He was the eternal Word of God, one with Yahweh in the beginning, who was placed by the Holy Spirit into the womb of the woman Mary. Mary was a virgin, and was Jesus' mother. God (Yahweh) was Jesus' true father. Joseph was his step-father. Sin was never passed down through Joseph's blood.

Adam was told in the garden that if he rebelled and ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, that he would surely die (the Hebrew literally says, "Dying you shall die"). The blood of the fathers of humanity is now contaminated and passes down sin to each next generation.

But Jesus' father was God. He had no sin. His blood is pure and literally holy. He gave His life's blood for you and for me. Where our life was due (the only penalty for sin is death), Jesus stood in our place **and gave His own innocent blood.** By His blood, mankind is set free from the bondage of sin and the hold that Satan had over us was broken. **HEBREWS 2:14 (KJV) "FORASMUCH THEN AS THE CHILDREN ARE PARTAKERS OF FLESH AND BLOOD, HE ALSO HIMSELF LIKEWISE TOOK PART OF THE SAME; THAT THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM THAT HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL; "**

There are some good understandings here.

1. His **blood-life** was given in our place and saved us from the **Second Death** (perishing).
2. We are **saved** from the **wrath of God** (which is on all sin) through Jesus Christ.
3. When we were **enemies** (through sin), the death of Jesus Christ **reconciled** us to God – we were made **God's friend** again and no longer had to be separated.
4. We are **saved** from **death** by His life which was given.
5. We **rejoice** in God (for God is where this hope came from), through Jesus Christ our Lord.
6. Through Jesus, we have received the **ATONEMENT**.

The **ATONEMENT** found in verse 11 is the summary and climax of these scriptures. This is a very special word actually. Yes, it means reconciliation or to be brought back together, but when you break the very word "atonement" down, it says beautifully what it has done.

AT-ONE-MENT: It has made us at one with God, our Heavenly Father, once again. We were separated and became enemies of God through our sin, but **the blood of Jesus Christ** given at the cross has opened the **door** for us to step into the place of grace with God and be atoned once again unto God. **GOD HAS GIVEN US "THE WAY" TO COME BACK TOGETHER WITH HIM AND HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR AGAIN!**

We have reason to rejoice or joy in the Lord, for once we were on our way to a Hell that was created for Satan and his angels, but now because of Jesus Christ we are on our way to Heaven and are made at one again with God!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (KJV) "FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. "

III. MADE AVAILABLE BY GRACE

A. **The Effects of Adam's Work**

**ROMANS 5:12-14 (KJV) " 12 WHEREFORE, AS BY ONE MAN SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, AND DEATH BY SIN; AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED:
13 (FOR UNTIL THE LAW SIN WAS IN THE WORLD: BUT SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHEN THERE IS NO LAW.
14 NEVERTHELESS DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES, EVEN OVER THEM THAT HAD NOT SINNED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF ADAM'S TRANSGRESSION, WHO IS THE FIGURE OF HIM THAT WAS TO COME. "**

Just as the life is in the blood, the curse of sin is passed down from the fathers as well. Through Adam, he has made his race to sin and sin is passed down to each generation. Sin always brings death, so death has been passed down as well. **IF THERE IS NO SIN, THEN THERE IS NO DEATH.**

GENESIS 3:17-19 (KJV) “ 17 AND UNTO ADAM HE SAID, BECAUSE THOU HAST HEARKENED UNTO THE VOICE OF THY WIFE, AND HAST EATEN OF THE TREE, OF WHICH I COMMANDED THEE, SAYING, THOU SHALT NOT EAT OF IT: CURSED IS THE GROUND FOR THY SAKE; IN SORROW SHALT THOU EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE; 18 THORNS ALSO AND THISTLES SHALL IT BRING FORTH TO THEE; AND THOU SHALT EAT THE HERB OF THE FIELD; 19 IN THE SWEAT OF THY FACE SHALT THOU EAT BREAD, TILL THOU RETURN UNTO THE GROUND; FOR OUT OF IT WAST THOU TAKEN: FOR DUST THOU ART, AND UNTO DUST SHALT THOU RETURN. “

JAMES 1:14-15 (KJV) “ 14 BUT EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST, AND ENTICED. 15 THEN WHEN LUST HATH CONCEIVED, IT BRINGETH FORTH SIN: AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH. ”

ROMANS 6:23 (KJV) “ FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. ”

Actually, Jesus Christ was born without sin (unlike the rest of us) since His true Father was Yahweh. He was tempted just like the rest of us in every way that you can be tempted, and yet he never sinned. **HEBREWS 4:15 (KJV)** “ FOR WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES; BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. “

*Jesus Christ would have never died normally, because it is sin that brings death. **HE HAD NO SIN.** But Jesus Christ took your sins and my sins and on the cross bore all the sin of humanity throughout all of history upon Himself at that moment, and it is **OUR SIN THAT KILLED HIM!** He died innocent, but became a curse hanging on a tree by taking our guilt and sin upon Himself.*

ROMANS 5:12-14 (AMP) “ 12 THEREFORE, AS SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, AND DEATH AS THE RESULT OF SIN, SO DEATH SPREAD TO ALL MEN, [NO ONE BEING ABLE TO STOP IT OR TO ESCAPE ITS POWER] BECAUSE ALL MEN SINNED. 13 [TO BE SURE] SIN WAS IN THE WORLD BEFORE EVER THE LAW WAS GIVEN, BUT SIN IS NOT CHARGED TO MEN'S ACCOUNT WHERE THERE IS NO LAW [TO TRANSGRESS]. 14 YET DEATH HELD SWAY FROM ADAM TO MOSES [THE LAWGIVER], EVEN OVER THOSE WHO DID NOT THEMSELVES TRANSGRESS [A POSITIVE COMMAND] AS ADAM DID. ADAM WAS A TYPE (PREFIGURE) OF THE ONE WHO WAS TO COME [IN REVERSE, THE FORMER DESTRUCTIVE, THE LATTER SAVING]. [GEN. 5:5; 7:22; DEUT. 34:5.]

AND ALL HAVE SINNED. As soon as a child gets to the point of knowing right and wrong, they need to be evangelized so that they too can receive eternal life. And it seems that the age of accountability in general seems to be growing younger and younger in this generation. Kids are not acting like kids anymore, and need to be reached as young as possible.

The Law exposed the sin that was there, but it took Jesus Christ to give a real remedy for sin. Adam was a type or prototype of the coming Messiah. And through Jesus Christ all have been saved.

THERE IS A BALANCE RUNNING ALL THROUGH SCRIPTURE, AND IT IS SEEN HERE.

Through the first Adam, the race of mankind (Adam) was corrupted by sin. Through the Last Adam (Y'Shua Messiah or Jesus Christ), the atonement is paid for and established, and we can through faith be saved.

ROMANS 5:15-17 (KJV) “ 15 BUT NOT AS THE OFFENCE, SO ALSO IS THE FREE GIFT. FOR IF THROUGH THE OFFENCE OF ONE MANY BE DEAD, MUCH MORE THE GRACE OF GOD, AND THE GIFT BY GRACE, WHICH IS BY ONE MAN, JESUS CHRIST, HATH ABOUNDED UNTO MANY. 16 AND NOT AS IT WAS BY ONE THAT SINNED, SO IS THE GIFT: FOR THE JUDGMENT WAS BY ONE TO CONDEMNATION, BUT THE FREE GIFT IS OF MANY OFFENCES UNTO JUSTIFICATION. 17 FOR IF BY ONE MAN'S OFFENCE DEATH REIGNED BY ONE; MUCH MORE THEY WHICH RECEIVE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE AND OF THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL REIGN IN LIFE BY ONE, JESUS CHRIST.) “

ROMANS 5:15-17 (ALT) “ 15 BUT NOT AS THE OFFENSE SO ALSO [IS] THE GRACIOUS GIFT; FOR IF BY THE OFFENSE OF THE ONE [MAN] THE MANY DIED, MUCH MORE THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE FREE GIFT BY GRACE OF THE ONE MAN JESUS CHRIST ABOUNDED TO THE MANY. 16 AND NOT AS THROUGH ONE [MAN] HAVING SINNED [IS] THE GIFT; FOR ON THE ONE HAND THE JUDGMENT FROM ONE [OFFENSE RESULTED] IN CONDEMNATION, ON THE OTHER HAND THE GRACIOUS GIFT FROM MANY OFFENCES [RESULTED] IN JUSTIFICATION [OR, A DECLARED RIGHTEOUSNESS]. 17 FOR IF BY THE OFFENSE OF THE ONE [MAN] DEATH REIGNED THROUGH THE ONE, MUCH MORE

THE ONES RECEIVING THE ABUNDANCE OF THE GRACE AND OF THE FREE GIFT OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS IN LIFE WILL REIGN THROUGH THE ONE [MAN], JESUS CHRIST. “

Through the offence of Adam, many have died and perished for it is a curse that it passed down. But a greater truth is that through the free gift of Jesus Christ (He paid for this gift Himself), many shall receive the grace of God and have the gift of life.

From the curse of Adam, judgment brings damnation or condemnation, but on the other hand (here is the balance), the gracious gift from many offences results in justification/righteousness. IF you receive the free gift of the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ, then you will live forever.

This was bought and paid for by the Last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. **The Effects of Christ's Work**

**ROMANS 5:18-21 (KJV) “ 18 THEREFORE AS BY THE OFFENCE OF ONE JUDGMENT CAME UPON ALL MEN TO CONDEMNATION; EVEN SO BY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF ONE THE FREE GIFT CAME UPON ALL MEN UNTO JUSTIFICATION OF LIFE.
19 FOR AS BY ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO BY THE OBEDIENCE OF ONE SHALL MANY BE MADE RIGHTEOUS.
20 MOREOVER THE LAW ENTERED, THAT THE OFFENCE MIGHT ABOUND. BUT WHERE SIN ABOUNDED, GRACE DID MUCH MORE ABOUND:
21 THAT AS SIN HATH REIGNED UNTO DEATH, EVEN SO MIGHT GRACE REIGN THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO ETERNAL LIFE BY JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. ”**

The balance is brought home here. The first Adam brought judgment upon all men to the point of damning us. We are a fallen, cursed race through Adam. The balance is brought by Jesus Christ (the Last Adam) who has brought the free gift of eternal life that reversed the curse upon all men that brings justification of life.

NOTE HOWEVER A DIFFERENCE: The curse is given if we want it or not. But a gift is offered, but must be received to be had. In other words, there is a work that is done by faith and if that faith is not applied, the gift is never received and the person will wind up facing the wrath of God instead.

IT IS A FREE GIFT. It has been paid for already by Jesus Christ. It requires that we receive it by faith only. Yes, there are works that will follow, but they are the works of God. We receive it by faith. **EPHESIANS 2:8-10 (KJV) “ 8 FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: 9 NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST. 10 FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. “**

THE BALANCE CONTINUES. Through the disobedience of Adam, we were all made into sinners, through the obedience of Jesus Christ we shall be made righteous.

ISAIAH 53:10-12 (KJV) “ 10 YET IT PLEASSED THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM; HE HATH PUT HIM TO GRIEF: WHEN THOU SHALT MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN, HE SHALL SEE HIS SEED, HE SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS, AND THE PLEASURE OF THE LORD SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND. 11 HE SHALL SEE OF THE TRAVAIL OF HIS SOUL, AND SHALL BE SATISFIED: BY HIS KNOWLEDGE SHALL MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT JUSTIFY MANY; FOR HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES. 12 THEREFORE WILL I DIVIDE HIM A PORTION WITH THE GREAT, AND HE SHALL DIVIDE THE SPOIL WITH THE STRONG; BECAUSE HE HATH Poured OUT HIS SOUL UNTO DEATH: AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS; AND HE BARE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MADE INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS. “

MATTHEW 26:42 (KJV) “ HE WENT AWAY AGAIN THE SECOND TIME, AND PRAYED, SAYING, O MY FATHER, IF THIS CUP MAY NOT PASS AWAY FROM ME, EXCEPT I DRINK IT, THY WILL BE DONE. “

AND THEN THE BALANCE OF THE LAW AND GRACE MUST BE REVEALED. They are balances of the same righteousness and holiness of God.

The Law entered to reveal the sheer abundance of sin that was present, but it gave no hope. In fact, it showed that mankind was condemned. But through Jesus Christ, grace did much

more abundant more so than the LAW and the sin that it revealed. **Grace does MUCH MORE**

ABOUND!

Sin reigns (rules) unto death, but on the balance, grace reigns or rules through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reconciliation brings us back to a similar state that Adam and the woman were in before the fall. Reconciliation makes us both family and friends to God again. Reconciliation connects us back up with God to where He can make us righteous and literally bless our comings and goings through Jesus Christ.

And all of this is because of and through the Lord Jesus Christ!