

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 114--Romans 5

Introduction: In this chapter Paul discusses the wonderful blessings that come through faith in Christ. In Adam sin reigns in death; but in Christ grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life.

Lesson aim: To show the blessings available to man in the gospel.

The blessings of faith in Christ--Rom. 5:1-11

1. The blessings of this chapter are based on having been justified by what? What then do we have with God?
2. Through Christ we are introduced into what? Do we stand in this grace?
3. In what do the righteous "exult" or "glory"? (v. 3) Why?
4. Who has God given to his people? What does He do for us? Thought question: How does He do this?
5. How did God prove His love for man? In what state was man when Christ died for him? How does this compare with the love that men show for one another?
6. Christ was willing to die that we might be saved from what? If we are reconciled to God by Jesus' death, what do we receive by His life? Is this what gives us hope?
7. Who is one who provided this way of reconciliation? What does recognizing this cause us to do?

How Christ has through grace brought eternal life to dying humanity (the contrast between Adam and Christ)--Rom. 5:12-21

1. What entered the world through one man? Who was that "one man"? What else entered the world through sin? Upon whom has it come? Why?
2. Was man under law before the Law of Moses was given? How do we know? Did those who lived after Adam violate the same law Adam did? Does this imply that God revealed his law to man before the giving of the Law at Sinai?
3. Thought questions: Was the giving of the Law necessary to establish that man was a sinner? Was the Law given to save man from sin? Why then was it given? (v. 20)
4. What else does Paul say came through "one man"? (v. 15) Who is the "one man"? What is the "free gift"? (Cf. 6:23) To whom does Paul say the "free gift abounds"?
5. Adam's transgression brought about the judgment resulting in what? The many sins of man brought about the free gift resulting in what?
6. Through the sin of Adam what reigned? Through the death of Christ who reigns? (v. 17)
7. How many acts of transgression brought condemnation to all men? How many acts of righteousness brought justification to all men?
8. Through one man's disobedience the many were made what? Through one man's obedience the many are made what? Thought question: Does this mean that all are unconditionally lost in Adam and unconditionally saved in Christ?
9. With the coming of the Law there was an increase in what? Where sin increased, what else increased?

10. What, therefore, now reigns? Through what does it reign? To what does it lead? Through whom is this accomplished?