

Grace Reigns to Eternal Life Through Jesus

Romans 5:18-21

In today's text **Romans 5:18-21** Paul tells us of the great Gospel reality of **Eternal Life**. Comparing and contrasting our **fallen condition** of **sin** and **death** in **Adam**, to our **justified condition** of **righteousness** and **life** in **Christ**! As **sin** and **disobedience** brought **condemnation** to **all humanity** making them **sinners**, and the **Law** came in to **increase this**, even so the **one act** of **righteousness** and **obedience** by **Christ** brought **justification**, making **many righteous** and resulting in the **reign of grace** to **eternal life**. The **work** of **Christ** is so **complete** that it **reverses** the **effects** of **sin**, **condemnation**, and **death**, so that we can be **righteous** and **grace** can **reign** to **eternal life**. **Grace** will so powerfully **reign** over those who **receive Christ** that they will **live forever**!

In today's text **Romans 5:18-21** we will see

- **5:18-19 - Justification of life**
- **5:20-21 - Grace reigns to eternal life**

Adam	Christ
One transgression/Sin	One act of Righteousness
Disobedience	Obedience
Condemnation to all people	Justification of Life for all people who receive Christ
Made Sinners	Made Righteous
Law increased sin	Grace abounds much more
Sin reigned in death	Grace reigns to Life
Death	Eternal Life

Romans 5:14 - 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, **who is a type of Him who was to come.** NASB

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 - 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. **22 For as in Adam all die,** so also in Christ all shall be made alive. NASB

Adam-One transgression – condemnation to all men(death)
Christ-One act of righteousness – justification of life to all men

One man's disobedience many were made sinners
One Man's obedience many will be made righteous

Romans 4:22-25 - 22 Therefore also **it was reckoned to him [Abraham] as righteousness.** 23 Now not for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him, **24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe** in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. NASB

1 Corinthians 15:22 - **22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.** NASB

As Sin reigned in death
Grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life

Titus 3:5-7 - 5 He saved us, **not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness**, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that **being justified by His grace** we might be made heirs according to the **hope of eternal life**. NASB

Romans 3:19-20 - 19 Now we know that **whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God**; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; **for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin**. NASB

Romans 7:7-8 - 7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! **On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting** if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet." NASB

Hebrews 4:12-13 - 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do**. NASB

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- the depth of human depravity
- the certainty of salvation being secured by Christ and not our own works
- Adam's disobedience (and ours) is contrasted with Christ obedience so we cannot depend on ourselves but Christ is trustworthy
- Justification results in life (eternal)
- Made righteous – Christ accomplishes right standing with God for us (we can't but He did)
- The Law made everyone certified sinners but grace superabounds over all our sin
- Death contrasted with Eternal Life