

How Much More - - in Christ!

Lesson #15

Romans 5:1-21

Reconciled to God - Romans 5:1-11

1. In the last chapter, Paul showed through the life of Abraham that righteousness does not come from observance of the law, but through faith. It is only through God that one can be made righteous. *"Therefore,"* what are the benefits of being justified through faith? (Romans 5:1, 2)
2. Because of being in a new relationship with God through faith Paul shows a new attitude of rejoicing, even in suffering. What did Paul focus on rather than the suffering? (Romans 5: 3, 4)
3. Why is hope so important in the life of a believer? (Romans 5:5)
4. It is because of God's love that all who believe have that hope. How did God demonstrate His love for us? (Romans 5:6)
5. Why is that so amazing? (Romans 5:7, 8)
6. Think about that profound statement. There is nothing anyone can do to earn such love from God! How do you think we should respond to such amazing love?
7. How did Paul say those who believe are justified? (Romans 5:9a)
 - In addition to God's love, what other benefit do we receive? (Romans 5:9b)

8. Before someone believes in Jesus Christ, he or she is viewed as "*God's enemy*." What has He made available to His enemies? (Romans 5:10a)
9. When someone believes in Christ and accepts Him, he is reconciled to God. What did Paul add in his first "*how much more?*" (Romans 5:10b)
10. What attitude should believers have and why? (Romans 5:11)
11. Look back over verses 1-11 and make a list of benefits and assurances that Paul said belong to those who have put their faith in Christ Jesus.

Adam and Christ Contrasted – 5:12-21

12. Read verses 12 – 14. What did we "*inherit*" from Adam (one man)? (Romans 5:12a)
 - Why? (Romans 5:12b)
 - What about before the law was given? (Romans 5:13)
 - What did Paul say about death before the Law? (Romans 5:14a)
 - How did Paul refer to Adam's role in history? (Romans 5:14b)

13. In verse 15 Paul makes his second *"how much more"* statement in relationship to *"the gift"* and *"the trespass."* To trespass means to cross over the line, as in sin. Many died because of the trespass of one man, Adam. What was Paul's contrast when he said but *"how much more?"* (Romans 5:15)
14. Using Romans 5:16:
- What was the result of one man's sin?
 - Why is God's gift different?
15. When one is in Christ, what then is Paul's third *"how much more?"* (Romans 5:17)
16. Continuing with his contrast between Adam and Christ, using verses 18 & 19, what was the result for mankind in each case?
- Adam's trespass = _____
- Christ's righteousness = _____
- Adam's disobedience = _____
- Christ's obedience = _____
17. In his final contrast Paul shows where the law fits into God's plan. Why did he say that the law was added? Romans 5:20a)
- As a result of the law, what also increased? (Romans 5:20b)
18. The contrast comes to a conclusion in verse 21. If one follows the way of Adam and sin, what is the result? (Romans 5:21a)

- But if one follows Christ Jesus, what will be the final result? (Romans 5:21b)

What is your choice? Will you following the way of the first Adam, or make Jesus Christ your Lord?