

## Romans Class 4

### Recap: Week 1

(Rom 1:17) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

(Rom 1:18) The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

### Recap: Week 2

(Rom 3:9) What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

(Rom 3:20) Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

### Recap: Week 3

(Rom 3:21) But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

(Rom 4:3) What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

- before he offered Isaac
- because he offered Isaac (James 2)
- because he believed God (Rom 4)

### Benefits of Justification

(Rom 5:1) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Rom 5:2) through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we **rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**

(Rom 5:3) Not only so, but we **also rejoice in our sufferings**, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

(Rom 5:4) perseverance, character; and character, hope.

- All people suffer.
- Christians sometimes suffer in additional ways
- Our sufferings produce benefits with eternal implications
- It is a blessing that we can rejoice in suffering

(Rom 5:5) And hope does not disappoint us, because God has **poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit**, whom he has given us.

- all the fruits of the Spirit
- other benefits of the Spirit

**(Parenthetical: On the Love of God)**

(Rom 5:6) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

(Rom 5:7) Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

(Rom 5:8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**(Back to topic: Benefits of Justification)**

(Rom 5:9) Since we have now been **justified by his blood**, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath** through him!

(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- Originally we were sinners, enemies
  - God loved us so much he sacrificed his Son
- Now we are reconciled, all sins forgiven!
  - Imagine how God feels toward us now!
  - Imagine how he wants to bless us!

(Rom 5:11) Not only is this so, but **we also rejoice in God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Albert Barnes:** ...we rejoice in God himself; in his existence; his attributes; his justice, holiness, mercy, truth, love. The Christian rejoices that God is such a being as he is; and glories that the universe is under his administration. The sinner is opposed to him; he finds no pleasure in him; he fears or hates him; and deems him unqualified for universal empire. But it is one characteristic of true piety, one evidence that we are truly reconciled to God, that we rejoice in him as he is; and find pleasure in the contemplation of his perfections as they are revealed in the Scriptures.

## Jesus the solution to death

(Rom 5:12) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- [ *like an infection: think "typhoid Mary" ]*

### (Parenthetical explanation of vs 12)

(Rom 5:13) for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

(Rom 5:14) Nevertheless, **death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses**, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

(Rom 5:15) But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

(Rom 5:16) Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

(Rom 5:17) For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive **God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness** reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

- Adam sinned, therefore all die ... "*In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes*" – Benjamin Franklin

**J. W. McGarvey:** *Adam's sin brought natural death upon the whole human family, but nothing more. The punishment which we incur through Adam terminates at death. If men are punished after death, it is not because of Adam's, but because of their own individual sins*

(Gen 3:19) By the sweat of your brow  
you will eat your food  
until you return to the ground,  
since from it you were taken;  
for dust you are  
and to dust you will return."

**(Back to the topic)**

(Rom 5:18) Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, **so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.**

(Rom 5:19) For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also **through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.**

(1Co 15:21) For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

(1Co 15:22) For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

### Where does the law fit in?

**Ok, Adam's sin -> death; Jesus' sacrifice -> life. Where does the law fit in?**

(Rom 5:20) The law was added so that the trespass might **increase**. *[ie, become obvious, be shown to be what it is, reach its full measure]* But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

(Rom 5:21) so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Law personalized our sin and its consequences. We are individually guilty.
- Made the sin more sinful, since those who received the law still sinned.
- Set the stage for grace to be offered to individuals.

## Chapter 6: Jewish objections

Objection: Justification by faith...

- renders the Law useless
- encourages sin

Answer: Justification by faith...

- establishes the Law
- puts sin to death

## Dead to sin

### Baptism demonstrates that we are dead to sin

(Rom 6:1) What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

(Rom 6:2) By no means! We **died to sin**; how can we live in it any longer?

(Rom 6:3) Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

(Rom 6:4) We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

- Jesus
  - died on the cross, penalty for our sin
  - buried in a tomb
  - raised from the dead on the third day
- Likewise, we
  - die to our sins
  - buried in baptism
  - raised to a new life

Death to sin: repentance (Acts 2:38 “Repent and be baptized...”)

(Rom 6:5) If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

(Rom 6:6) For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

(Rom 6:7) because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

(Rom 6:8) Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

(Rom 6:9) For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

(Rom 6:10) The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

(Rom 6:11) In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Rom 6:12) Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

(Rom 6:13) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

(Rom 6:14) For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

**Next week: Slavery to sin, or to righteousness?**