

Reigning Grace

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God's Grace is:

God's Riches at Christ's expense!

It's God's unmerited favour, favour bestowed on sinners who deserve wrath.

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Romans 5; 1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10** For if, while 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! **11** Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5; 12-17

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. **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 is a pattern of the one to come.

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! **16** Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. **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!

Romans 5; 18-21

18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. **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.

20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **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.

Romans 5: 12-21

The fall in the beginning – where sin enters the world.

The price paid for this – with Jesus the perfect solution.

God's amazing grace through all of this – with sinners reigning with Christ.

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Genesis 3:8-9

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, Where are you?

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Genesis 2:17

but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die

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Romans 5: 13-14

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- Man is sinful, born sinful, because through Adam all men have rejected God.
- Sin is powerful & has power over humans, reigning in God's place in their lives.
- The sin is rejecting God – not breaking the rules. The law highlights this!
- By rejecting God, as warned we all face death & an eternity of what we chose, no God – that's what hell is, a place where there is no God, so there is no good.

Jesus the perfectly sufficient solution

Romans 5: 15-17

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Romans 8:1

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus”

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Jesus lived the perfect life.

Jesus died for man's rejection of God.

And Jesus conquered death rising from the grave, defeating sin and the devil!

Now he is in heaven at the right hand of his father.

He has done all of that!

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Through Jesus' blood the price has been paid for our sin, we died with him.

Through Jesus' death for us, we have his sinless record.

Through Jesus rising from the dead, we too have conquered death & Sin, it no longer rules over us.

And with Jesus we too can be seated with God in the heavenly realm.

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Romans 6:11 says

“count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

And Ephesians 2:6

”And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus”

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- Called to not judge but to love! – to imitate Christ.
- Forgive others & don't hold grudges – after all God has forgiven us for.
- We need to be selfless & be willing to make sacrifices – as Christ was for us.
- We're living a NEW life, trust God & don't worry about things of this world!
- Look to Jesus, the perfect solution. It's not about us or what we can do, but about God & his glory!

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1 Corinthians 10:31

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”