

# The Free Gift

Romans 5:12-21

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## I. BY ONE MAN (v.15)

### A. One Man Brought Sin – Adam (v.12) “*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world.*”

- The world was made by God (Psa. 104:31, 104:24) and was “very good,” according to God (Gen. 1:31). It was untouched by sin when God made it.
  - No danger, no worries, no knowledge of good and evil.
- God gave man a free will. Man could choose to love and obey God, or to disobey and show a lack of love and trust in God.
  - When presented with one opportunity to do wrong, man failed, bringing sin and death into the world.

### B. One Man Brought Grace – Jesus (1Corinthians 15:45-49)

- “*The last Adam* (Jesus Christ) *was made a quickening spirit.*” (One that gives life).
- Our heavenly Lord made it possible for us to “*bear the image of the heavenly*” one day.

## II. UNTO MANY (v.15) “*the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*”

### A. Multitudes have Believed (Acts 5:14; 14:1) “*...multitudes both of men and women.*” “*A great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.*”

### B. Multitudes will be in Heaven (Revelation 7:9-10) “*which no man could number*”

- Oftentimes it seems to us that nobody is getting saved (1 Ki. 19:10, 14). We can’t see everything that God is doing (1 Ki. 19:18).
- God is not finished yet. He will continue to reap His harvest until Jesus returns.
  - Don’t let the Devil talk you into quitting when you don’t see big results in witnessing.

## III. BY GRACE (v.15) “*much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ.*”

### A. The Grace of God

1. The gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24)
2. The bestowing of the grace of God (1Corinthians 15:10)
3. The offer of the grace of God (Titus 2:11)

### B. The Gift by Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9) “*For by grace are ye saved through faith*”

- Salvation cannot be worked for and thereby earned. “*It is the gift of God: not of works...*”

**IV. UNTO JUSTIFICATION (v.16) “*but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*”**

- Only one offense brought condemnation.
- Jesus Christ took upon Him MANY offenses—unto justification.
  - His gift makes it possible for us to be declared just and righteous before God.
  - If you choose to stand before God on your own record of righteousness, you will remain condemned.

- A. Justified by His Grace (Romans 3:24)
- B. Justified by His Blood (Romans 5:9)
- C. Justified from Condemnation (Romans 8:33-34)
- D. Justified by the Faith of Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16)

**V. UNTO LIFE (v.17, 18) “*they which receive abundance of grace...shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*” “*by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*”**

- A. Passed from Death unto Life (John 5:24)
- B. Given Eternal Life (Romans 5:21; 6:23)
- C. Promised a Resurrection Life (1Corinthians 15:21-22)
- D. Enriched with Abundant Life (John 10:10)

**VI. BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (v.18) “*by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all*”**

- A. The Sinless Righteousness of Christ (2Corinthians 5:21)
- B. The Imputed Righteousness of Christ (Romans 3:9)
- C. The Righteousness which is of God by faith (Philippians 3:9).

**VII. BY HIS OBEDIENCE (v.19) “*by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*”**

- “*I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*” (John 5:30)
  - A. In Life (John 6:38; 15:10)
  - B. In Death (Hebrews 5:8; Philippians 2:5-8)
  - Jesus was equal with God, but took the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death of the cross.
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