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IV. Justified by Grace through Faith
Part 4: "Adam Redeemed" 5:12-21

Rom 3:21-5:21

1. Therefore: *Because we are justified by grace through faith, and, because of that, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

a. Just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— (Rom 2:12-26)

- 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.
- 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. (Rom 6:23) *As Adam represented humanity, so also does the "one to come."* (1 Cor 15:20-22, 15:44b-49)

b. 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! *The idea being that the grace that is ours in Jesus is more than enough to save us.*
- 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. (Rom 5:8; 1 Jhn 4:9-10)

c. 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! *Death is conquered and has no hold on us.* (Jhn 11:25-26; Hos 13:14-15; 1Cor 15:20-22).

d. Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. (Jhn 1:29-31; 19:30)

- For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made ("shown, declared to be") sinners, (Rom 3:20; 7:7)
- So also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made ("shown, declared to be") righteous.

The tale of two men - Heb 2:1-18 - In Christ humanity is healed.

2. The law was brought in ("came in alongside") so that the trespass might increase ("abound"). (Rom 3:23-24; 11:32; Gal 3:22)

a. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more ("abounded exceedingly"),

b. So that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor 15:55-56

Through Adam

Sin and death came through one man to all.

Many died by one trespass

Judgment followed Adam's sin and brought condemnation

Death reigned

One trespass brought condemnation for all

One man's disobedience made many sinners

The law was added to identify trespass/sin

Sin reigned in death

Through Christ

Christ redeemed Adam's race

God's grace and the gift of salvation came by Jesus to many

The gift followed many trespasses and brought justification

The gift of righteousness/life reigns

One act of righteousness resulted in justification and life for all.

One man's obedience made many righteous

Sin increased, grace increased more

Grace reigns through righteousness and brings life