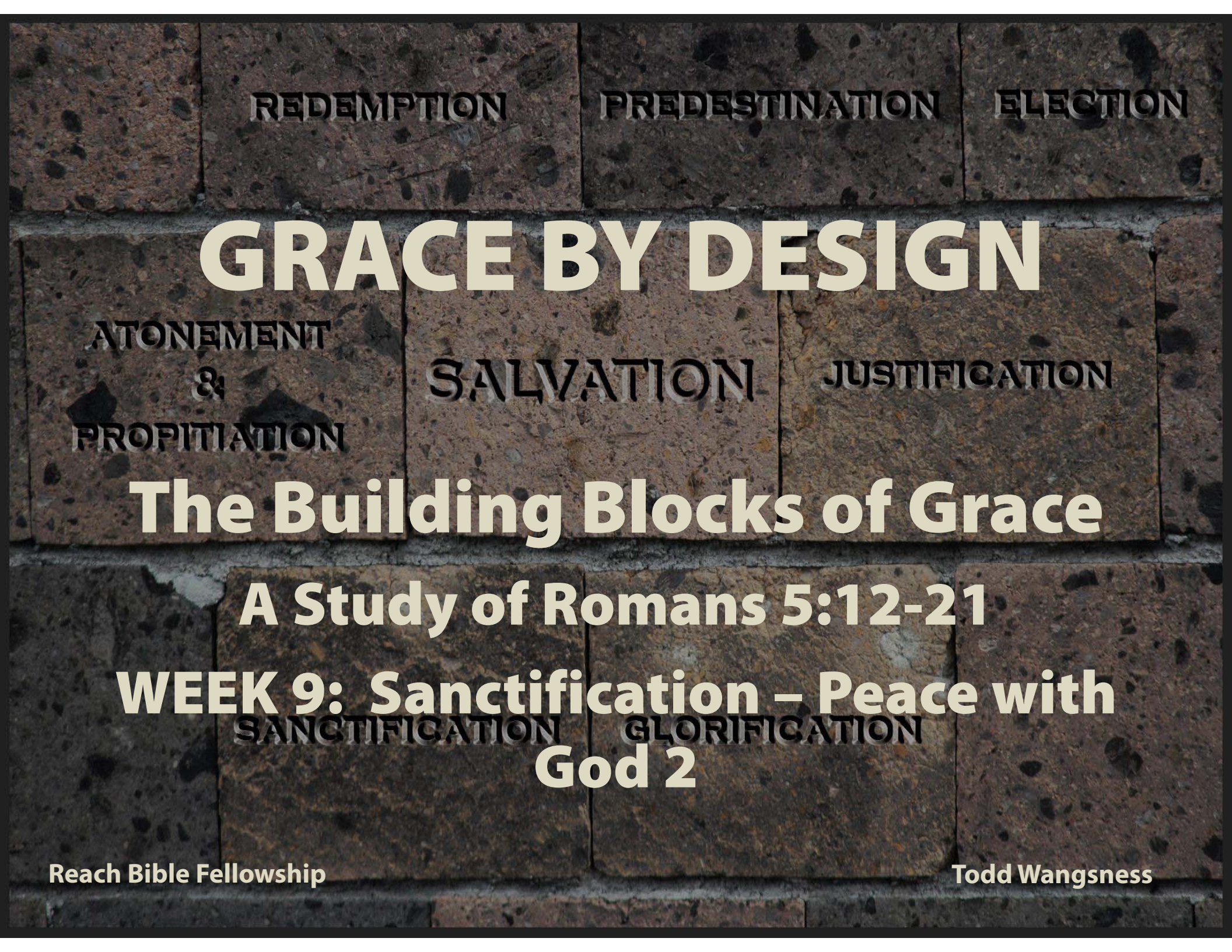


GRACE BY DESIGN

The Building Blocks of Grace

A Study of Romans 5:12-21

WEEK 9: Sanctification – Peace with God 2

Reach Bible Fellowship

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Grace By Design: Study Outline

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Week 25:	Rom. 15:1 – 15:25	Bearing One Another's Burdens
Week 26:	Rom. 16:1 – 16:25	Conclusion and closing remarks

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- **Three (easy?) steps to power over sin!**
  - **The three steps to Justification (described in Romans 1 - 4)**
    1. **REQUIRED: Recognizing and admitting that we are GUILTY before God**
    2. **REQUIRED: Accepting God's free gift of Justification through Jesus' sacrifice**
    3. **RECOMMENDED: Thanking God for the Salvation He has provided!**

  - **Sanctification is similar (topic of Romans 5 – 8)**
    1. **REQUIRED: Admitting to God that we have sinned or are strongly tempted to sin**
    2. **REQUIRED: Bringing the sin or temptation under the covering blood of Jesus Christ**
    3. **RECOMMENDED: Thanking God for restoring our fellowship with Him!**

- **Up until now, Paul has addressed our "SINS" (plural) and how our sins have resulted in guilt and condemnation**
- **Now he shifts the focus to SIN in the singular, that is, our SIN NATURE**

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:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

:13 *[For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

:14 *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

:15 *But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*

:16 *And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.*

:17 *For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.]*

:18 *Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.*

:19 *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.*

:20-21 *Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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The Two Adams of Romans 5:12-21

Two Men	Adam (Rom 5:14)	Jesus Christ (Rom 5:14)
Two Acts	One trespass in the Garden (:14-15, 17-19)	One righteous act on the Cross (:18)
Two Results	Condemnation, sin and death (:12, 14, 16-19)	Justification, life and kingship (:16-19)
Two Differences		
In Degree:	Sin Abounds (:15a)	Grace Super-Abounds (:15b)
In Operation:	One sin by Adam resulting in condemnation and the reign of death for everyone	Many sins placed on Christ resulting in Justification and reigning in life for believers
Two Kings	Sin reigning through death (:17a)	Grace reigning through righteousness (:17b)
Two Abundances		Abundance of Grace (:17b) Abundance of Righteousness (:17c)
Two States	Condemned people slaves of sin by Adam	Justified people reigning in life by Christ

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- **Paul now introduces a new aspect of God's grace in this section**
- **Up to this point, he only highlighted that we are guilty because of our individual sins against a righteous God**
- **Now he introduces the idea that ALL MANKIND is under judgment due to Adam's fall**
- **Adam was the representative (progenitor) of the entire human race**
- **God held Adam, not Eve, accountable for the fall because Adam was the head of the human race**
- **Note that Paul does NOT regard the fall of man as legend**
  - **He and Jesus (in Mat 19:4-5) both quote and discuss these events as real history!**
- **The corruption due to Adam's fall changed his psyche. The instant he sinned, a SIN NATURE was instilled in him.**
  - **That same sin nature propagated to his descendants, which we are**
  - **Each of us now have a sin nature, or a predisposition to sinful thoughts and deeds**
  - **We now sin because we have a sin nature, i.e., we sin because we are sinners**

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:13-14 [For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

- **The principle of "imputation" is described in these two verses**
- **Here sin is imputed to every one of Adam's descendants because we are "in Adam"**
- **Even though the Law would not be given from Mt. Sinai for another approximately 2500 years, sin (and death) was imputed to each person from Adam to Moses**
- **Referring back to Romans 1-3, every person from Adam forward has also violated their own conscience, even if there was not a codified Law in place**

:15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

- **Paul contrasts the offense of Adam with the free gift of grace from Jesus Christ**
- **The difference isn't so much that of <u>quantity</u> as it is of <u>quality</u>**
- **Adam was the sole author of death, while Jesus the Messiah is the sole author of life**
- **The gift of grace is MUCH MORE than the penalty due to Adam's offense**

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:16-17 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.]

- **This passage contrasts between justification (or life) and condemnation (or death)**
- **Due to one transgression, many have died**
- **Yet, due to one death, many transgressions are forgiven**
- **In verse 17, DEATH reigns as king through Adam, but LIFE reigns as king through Jesus**

:18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

- **Now Paul draws a conclusion**
- **He reiterates that the condemnation of humanity is due to one sin, but because of one act of righteousness, justification comes to all as a free gift**
  - **With the proviso that the righteousness of Jesus Christ is available to all, but only applies to those who believe**

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:19 ***For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.***

- **This passage contrasts between disobedience with obedience**
- **The result of one man's disobedience, many were made sinners**
  - **This applies to ALL humanity**
- **The result of one Man's obedience, many will be made righteous**
  - **This applies to those who believe**

:20-21 ***Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

- **Verse 20 contrasts Law and Grace**
- **The Law was brought in alongside the judgment on mankind through Adam's fall to place a spotlight on man's propensity for sin**
- **Sin was already in the world, but the Law highlighted man's wretchedness**
- **Where sin abounded … Grace "abounded much more" (Grk pleonazo: 'super-abounded'**

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- We use the terms "identification" and "substitution" to describe the two aspects of Christ's sacrifice.
  - Those are accurate terms, but don't necessarily capture the totality of what Jesus has done for us
  - It is our "inclusion" in the death of Jesus Christ that changes things
  - The death of Jesus Christ is "inclusive"
  - Likewise, His resurrection is also inclusive
- It is through God's inclusion of us "in Christ" that He accomplishes our identification and substitution with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- If we were "crucified with Christ" 2000 years ago, isn't it equivalent to say that Jesus was crucified with us?

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- **Jesus is the "Last Adam", but the "Second Man"**
  - *1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*
  - *1 Cor 15:47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*
- **Jesus as the "Last Adam", IS the sum total of humanity**
  - **The curse Adam incurred through the fall was negated (reconciled) through the blood of Jesus' perfect sacrifice**
  - **As we were "in Adam", the curse of the Fall was propagated to ALL humanity**
  - **Jesus – in His humanity – gathered up all that was "in Adam" on the cross along with ALL of the judgment due Man because of Adam's fall**
  - **Jesus' crucified body was placed into the tomb … Tetelestai! (Grk τετέλεσται)**
  - *2 Cor 5:14 … if One died for all, then all died*
- **Jesus as the "Second Man", becomes the Head of a new race of beings (Heavenly Man)**
  - **The Second Man begins in resurrection and ends in eternity!**
  - *Rom 6:5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection*
  - *Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

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- **Referring back to Rom 5:17 "…** ***those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One …"***
  - **Are you living for God as though you are seated with Him on His throne?**
  - **It is so easy to let the cares of this life and our circumstances take our eyes off of Jesus**
- **Do we live as though we are "now children of God"?**
  - ***1 Joh 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.***
  - ***Eph 2:5-6 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus***
- **If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are now a part of the race of Heavenly Man!**
  - ***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.***
  - ***Rom 6:2-4 … How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

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- **Do you at times question the 'validity' of your salvation?**
- **Do you 'feel' like you're saved?**
- **If you have accepted Jesus as your personal savior and have REPENTED OF YOUR SINS and acknowledged YOU ARE A SINNER, God the Father judicially (legally) places you in Jesus Christ**
  - ***1 Cor 1:30 But <u>of Him</u> you are in Christ Jesus …***
  - **This verse says that your salvation was because OF HIM!**
  - **He instigated it, He performed it!**
  - **Our salvation is not dependent on how we feel! Our emotions change on a daily basis!**
  - ***Phil 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that <u>He who has begun a good work in you will complete it</u> until the day of Jesus Christ***
- **Do you truly believe that you are now child of God, part of a new race of beings?**
- **It needs to go beyond academic knowledge and become part of your being**
- **It is your new identity!**
- **We need to live according to our new identity every moment of every day!**

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Questions to ponder …

1. **In what ways can we demonstrate we are now children of the King?**
2. **In what ways do we bring disrepute to the Heavenly royal family?**
3. **Adam sinned … is it fair that we – as his descendants – have his sin imputed to us and are under his condemnation?**
4. **Are there other examples of the concept of heredity defining how God views people or individuals? (Heb 7:9-10)**
5. **What point are Paul and Peter trying to make in the following verses?**
   - ***Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,***
   - ***1 Pet 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul***
   - **How should this change how we live?**