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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

BY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF ONE THE FREE GIFT CAME UPON ALL MEN UNTO JUSTIFICATION OF LIFE

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ROMANS 5:17-21**

Romans 5:18, *Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Book of Romans** was written by the Apostle Paul between A.D. 56 and 58.
- b. It is addressed to the Church of Rome and was written in the city of Corinth, which is in Greece.
- c. We know the Apostle Paul was a missionary to the Gentiles.
- d. Paul writes this letter to introduce himself and to summarize his understanding of the Gospel message. **The Book of Romans** is the longest of Paul's thirteen New Testament letters.
- e. Some key themes from the **Book of Romans**:
 1. Everyone is born with a sinful nature. **Romans 3:23** tells us, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*
 2. Every born-again believer has a conflict between the old and new nature. **Romans 7:23**, *But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

- a. The Apostle Paul tells about this old nature in **Romans Chapter 7. Romans 7:15-16**, *For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16: If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*
- b. Upon salvation the old nature is not removed, but it can be diluted by feeding the new nature with the Preserved Word of God and being in God's will. **2 Peter 3:18**, *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*
- c. The Apostle Paul also tells us about the new nature in **Romans 8:1**, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. Romans 4:22-24, And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23: Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24: But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;*
- d. Because the new nature is the nature of God Himself, *it does not sin or have the capacity to sin. This does not apply to the flesh that sins, but to the inner man. I John 3:9, is very plain Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. Psalms 32:2, Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Romans 4:6, Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Romans 4:8, Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. Romans 8: 9-11, But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.* (God, The Holy Spirit) Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is

none of his. **10:** And if Christ be in you, (God, The Son) the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11:** But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus** (God, The Father) **from the dead dwell in you,** he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

- e. We do not hear this truth taught very often, but we know that Jesus paid the penalty for our sin and provided a divine nature for every believer. **2 Peter 1:4,** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and **precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- 3. Our salvation is a new creature in Christ Jesus. As a result, **we have everlasting life and we are saved for eternity.** **2 Corinthians 5:17,** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. This speaks of the salvation of the soul and not the body.
 - a. Once saved and born again, there is no act one can commit that will cause him/her to lose their salvation. **Romans 8:38-39,** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39:** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - b. Christians need to get this truth anchored deep into their heart and soul. It is the soul that Jesus came to save the first time. At His Second Coming He will redeem the body. **Philippians 1:6,** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: **Romans 8:23,** And not only they, but ourselves also,

which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

4. It is only through our perfect Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we can become righteous. **Romans 3:22**, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
5. Justification is by faith, not by good works. Justification is instantaneous.
 - a. **Romans 4:25**, *Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*
 - b. **Romans 5:16**, *And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*
 - c. **Romans 5:18**, Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
6. Sanctification is through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, not through the keeping of religious laws. Sanctification is progressive as we grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - a. **2 Thessalonians 2:13**, *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*
 - b. **2 Peter 3:18**, *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*
 - c. We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit and we do this by adding to our faith in accordance with **2 Peter 2:5-9**, *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to*

your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6: And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7: And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8: For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9: But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

7. Everyone who trust in the Lord Jesus will be saved and given the ability, through the Holy Spirit, to live a victorious life. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*
8. The Apostle Paul makes this very clear in **Romans 15:16**, *That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*
 - f. Paul met Aquila and Priscilla who were from Rome. They were very instrumental in helping Paul get the Gospel out to the Romans and to build a church there.
 - g. It was Martin Luther who said the "**Epistle to the Romans is the true masterpiece of the New Testament and the very purist gospel**, which is worthy and deserving that a Christian man should not only learn it by heart, word for word, but also he should daily deal with it as the daily bread of men's soul. It can never be too much, too well read or studied; and the more it is handled, the more precious it becomes, and the better it taste."
 - h. Martin Luther suggested that every Christian should make an effort to know the **Book of Romans** because this book will ground the believer in the faith.
 - i. Let's see what precious truths we can glean from the mighty

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the September 23, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

f. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one.

1. **Romans 5:17**, For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
2. Jesus Christ had to deal with the penalty of sin and through sanctification we are to deal with the power of sin.
3. Only through His perfect conception, perfect birth, perfect righteousness for thirty-three years, perfect death on the cross, perfect burial, perfect resurrection, perfect ascension, and presentation of His perfect blood at the Throne of God can we have a home in Heaven.
4. The Lord Jesus Christ is the federal head of the new human race; we are able to join that family by accepting His finished work on the cross. **John 1:12**, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
5. **1 Corinthians 15:21-23**, For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22: For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23: But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
6. The free gift comes through the Lord Jesus Christ and man only has to receive it. We receive this free gift by faith. **John 1:12**, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

g. By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

1. **Romans 5:18**, *Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*** **Deuteronomy 30:19**, *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*
2. The Lord Jesus Christ brought not death, but life into the world. **John 10:10**, *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* **John 11:25-26**, *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?* **Revelation 1:18**, *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*
3. By accepting Him as personal Saviour it not only gives us life, but it gives us life eternally. **John 17:3**, *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*
4. We are completely eradicated of our lost condition; the second death will have no power over us. **Revelation 20:6**, *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
5. The aforementioned verse says that it is a **free gift**.
6. Since it is free, there is nothing we can do to earn it in any way, shape, or form or to lose it.
7. This salvation also applies to all of the Old Testament saints as they look forward to the time that Jesus would go to the

- cross and die for their sins.
8. **Hebrews 11:13**, *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
 9. So we see Jesus' death on the cross provided salvation to all that believed the record that God had gave of his son. **1 John 5:12**, *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*
 10. We have indicated before that justification through the righteousness of Christ means just like we have never sinned.
 11. By the righteousness of Christ, we are able to have a home in Heaven.
 12. Once we accept the finished work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it frees us from judgment, from condemnation, and we become as righteous and as holy as the Lord Jesus. This is not in the body, but the soul. **1 Peter 1:16**, *Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*
 13. We must remember that it is the one act of obedience of Christ on the cross and His death that mankind can be saved.

h. So by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1. **Romans 5:19**, *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*
2. Righteousness is a free gift.
3. Man has only to receive it in order to join the family of God.
4. There is a song that means so much to me. *I'm so glad that I am a part of the family of God.*
5. Christ's obedience makes it possible for God to declare the sinner righteous who believes Him. **John 3:18**, *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth*

not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

i. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

1. **Romans 5:20**, Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:**
2. When God gave the law it was part of a sacrificial system.
3. Animals were slain and the shed blood applied to the Mercy Seat rolled sin forward for a year. **Exodus 30:10**, *And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD. **Leviticus 16:34**, And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.*
4. Later on Christ came to fulfill the sacrificial law. **Hebrews 7:27**, Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. **Hebrews 10:12**, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
5. God has given the lost race an opportunity to be delivered from the guilt of sin.
6. We must bear the old sin nature throughout our entire lives.
7. The law shows us we are sinners.
8. Grace abounds to provide salvation. **Romans 5:20**, *Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*

j. That as sin hath reigned unto death.

1. **Romans 5:21**, **That as sin hath reigned unto death,** even so

might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

2. Without a doubt we are living in a world where sin reigns.
3. Scripture tells us that Satan is the prince of the power of the air. **1 Peter 5:8**, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Ephesians 2:2*, *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*
4. We must be careful to avoid his trap.
5. He not only leads unbelievers but greatly affects the lives of believers as we become disobedient and live outside the will of God.
6. The cemeteries vividly show us that death reigns.
7. The claim of God's righteousness is fully met in the Lord Jesus Christ. **Romans 3:22**, *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
8. Contrary to popular belief the believing sinner is given eternal life in Christ. **2 Corinthians 9:15**, *Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Today we have laid out the facts from God's Word that man is helpless and hopeless without our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- b. Would you come to Jesus today to relieve your burdens, for forgiveness of your sins, asking for a new nature to be imputed.
- c. Accept His righteousness; accept His plan of salvation and be provided a home in Heaven.
- d. I remind you today, there is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof is the way of death. Jesus has said "*I am the way the truth and the life no man cometh to the Father but by me*".

- e. It is a simple but a very profound plan of salvation; man needs to accept the record that God has given of his son.
- f. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- g. **Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- h. **Ecclesiastes 7:20**, *For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*
- f. **1 John 5:11-14**, *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14: And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*
- g. Hear the Word of God today, come and be saved. Would you stand please? We must be keenly aware that there is consciousness, remembrance and feeling in the place of torment that is reflected so vividly for us in **Luke 16**.

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