

INTRODUCTION

1. The problem of Sin
2. It results in Death
3. What is the answer to the problem of Sin?

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.

Romans 5:15-17

THE PROBLEM OF SIN ADDRESSED

1. The word "offense"
 - a) This is a reference to Sin
 - b) Synonyms
 - i) Fault
 - ii) Transgression
 - iii) Trespass
2. Because of this offense (sin) many died
 - a) All who sin
 - b) Death is the consequence

GOD'S ANSWER

1. God's free gift
2. It involves His Grace
3. It is the Gift of Imputed Righteousness

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

1. The grace of One Man
2. This is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a) He is the Word made flesh John 1:14
 - b) He is the Son of Man John 3:13-14

DEALING WITH THE JUDGMENT OF SIN

1. The Sin of Adam
 - a) It is described as an offense (transgression/ trespass)
 - b) The consequence is Death
2. There is no answer to this problem of Sin and Death
 - a) Religion does not provide an answer
 - b) Good works will not result in salvation
 - c) Sin will be judged
 - d) The consequences are obvious
3. God's Gift
 - a) Abundance of grace
 - b) Gift of Righteousness (Justification)
 - c) It will reign in life
 - d) It is made possible through the Lord Jesus Christ

VITAL LESSONS

1. To appreciate afresh God's Solution
 - a) Abundance of grace

b) Justification

c) The Second Adam

2. Appropriate response

a) Thanksgiving

b) Gratitude

c) Living a righteous life