

# **Romans 5**

## **Romans 5.1-11**

**V1** – Peace comes only through our faith in Jesus Christ

-What can you say to someone who says, “I find God by going fishing on Sunday mornings”? True peace of mind will come only through our faith in Christ

**V2** – Key to our salvation: faith through grace

**V3-4** –What would be the results of persecution of the church? Tribulation teaches us perseverance, which proves our character, which gives us hope

**V5** – Is there value to hope? Yes, it brings about the out-pouring of God's love for us and demonstrates that the Holy Spirit is helping us

**V6** – In what sense are we helpless? We cannot save ourselves eternally

**V7** – Do we have any examples of one person voluntarily dying for another person?

-In World War II, there were four Navy chaplains on the USS Dorchester, who gave up their life jackets for other men on the ship and were last seen with their arms locked together and praying together (see any standard reference site on the Internet for more details)

-Most of us know of other examples of someone stopping a terrorist or a mass murderer, but being killed in the process

**V8** – Actual summary of New Testament: Christ dying for the sinners of the world – What a statement!

**V9** – Read 1 Corinthians 15.10 – Paul: “By the grace of God I am what I am...”

**V10** – Many families are brought together at death of a parent, etc.

-God and the human race were brought together at death of his son

**V11** – Besides forgiveness, what other quality did we receive through Christ?

Reconciliation between us and God the Father

**Romans 5.12-21**- An elaborate comparison between Adam and Christ

-Similar passages: 1 Corinthians 15.20-22 and Luke 3.23-38 (v 38 – Seth, son of Adam, son of God)

-Are we all related to Adam? Yes

**V12** – Who sinned first: Adam or Eve? Eve

-Are husbands responsible for sins of their wives? No, but as the head of the family,

Adam should have shown more courage in trying to stop Eve from sinning

**V 13** – From Adam to Moses, there was no written law from God

-**How then did God communicate his will to humans?** By speaking to the head of the family (as with Enoch and Abraham and Jacob)

-**What do we call this period of Bible history?** The Patriarchal Age

**V 14** – **In what way was Adam similar to Christ?** They were both "sons" of God

**V 15** – **What is the contrast between Adam and Christ in this verse?**

-Adam, with sin, died and brought death to all the human race

-Jesus, with one act, brought grace and eternal life for all

**V 16** – **What is the contrast in this verse?**

-With one act, Adam brought sin and condemnation to the human race

-Jesus with one act brought justification between God and the human race

**V 17** – **What is the contrast in this verse?**

-Death reigned as a result of Adam

-Eternal life was established through Christ

## **Romans 5.18-21**

**V 18** – Justification came through Jesus Christ

**V 19** – Adam and his disobedience resulted in all people sinning, but obedience to God came through Jesus Christ

**V 20** – **What happened when sin increased in the human race?** The grace of God also increased

**V 21** – Because of Christ, death no longer reigns

-**What reigns in the place of death?** Eternal life

-What powerful concepts we find in these verses!

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