

## Getting Started

One way to outline this chapter is 5:1-11 focuses on the *blessings of our justification* and 5:12-21 provides the *basis for our justification* and explains how it is possible for God to save sinners in the person of Jesus Christ.

- Read Romans 5:1-21, pick a sentence that you appreciate and explain why it is significant to you.

## Discussion

- Discuss these *blessings of justification* presented in 5:1-11. Which of these are most evident in your life today?
  - Peace with God (v.1)
  - Access to God (v.2a)
  - Glorious hope (v.2b)
  - Development of Christian character (v.v.3-4)
  - God's love within (v.v.5-8)
  - Salvation from future wrath (v.v.9-10)
  - Reconciliation with God (v.11)
- Romans 5:12-21 presents a contrast of Adam and Jesus Christ. Complete the chart below.

Adam	Jesus Christ
v.15a Many died by the trespass of the one man	v.15b
v.16a Judgment followed one sin → condemnation	v.16b
v.17a By the trespass of the one man, death reigned	v.17b
v.18a One trespass → condemnation for all people	v.18b
v.19a Disobedience of one man → many made sinners	v.19b

Adam is the legal, representative head of the “human race”. As a result of the Fall, this kingdom is referred to as the kingdom of darkness (Colossians 1:13). What is true of Adam is true of every person. His sin brought death and it was imputed to each of us. Jesus Christ, is the “last” or “second Adam”. He is the representative head (King) of a new kingdom. When we are in Christ, what is true of Jesus is true of every one of His followers. When Jesus died to sin, because we are in Him, we died to the power and reign of sin in our lives. When He rose from the dead to newness of life, we rose as new creations as well. These truths in Romans 5 set up Romans chapters 6-8 where we discover how God calls us to live out this new life in this new kingdom under the new reign of King Jesus.



Romans 6:1-14 ...

- How would you summarize Paul's response to the idea that believers in Christ will continue to live as they did when they were unbelievers?

Romans 6:3-10 describes "*how we died*" to sin. Romans 6:11-14 describes "*how we live*" in Christ.

- If Christians are really *dead to sin* and *alive to God*, why do we still struggle with temptations?
- In this passage, what are some of the things we are commanded to do as part of our ongoing sanctification process?
- God is the One who changes us – sanctification is by His grace. Yet we are to do certain things in the sanctification process. How do you reconcile these truths?
- How can you effectively reject the reign of sin in your life this week? How can you offer the parts of your body to righteousness?

This Thursday, May 2 is the **National Day of Prayer**. God is providing an opportunity for us to seek His face for revival in our own lives, in our local church, in His church universal leading to a great awakening in our nation. He is calling us to humility and repentance and to live out the truth of who we are in Christ as defined in Romans 6:1-14. Would you set aside time this Thursday to seek God's face, crying out for Him to "revive us again, O Lord" (Psalm 85:6)

## Prayer

National Day of Prayer, Thursday May 2

- Early Morning Prayer: 6:30 – 8:00am in the Prayer Chapel (come and go at any time)
- Mid-day Prayer Noon – 1:00pm in the Prayer Chapel
- Sign up for a one-hour prayer slot on the wall in the Prayer Chapel. You may pray from any location but let's cover our nation in prayer during this 24-hour prayer watch.
- Sign up for a one-hour prayer watch slot through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49abaf2ca3fc1-national>