

Romans

(19) The overwhelming contrast of Grace

But the gift is not like the trespass...5:15-17

What is Paul's first point of contrast between Adam's sin and God's grace? vs.15

They're not the same. The many died in Adam but the gift, by grace, overflows...

What is his second point of contrast? vs.16

One sin brought condemnation. The gift followed many sins and brought justification.

Is this "gift" of grace a "new" testament only teaching? Is.1:18; 43:25; 44:22

No! It's always been that God offers redemption by His grace, and only His grace.

What sobering truth is reinforced in verse 16a?

God hates sin so much that one man's one sin at one time condemned all men!

But the wonderful truth that follows is what? vs.16b Jn.3:16

God loves us so much that He paid the price for all men's all sins, at the cross.

What is emphasized in verse 17a? 5:12

If (since) by one man's (one) trespass, death reigned (took rule). See verse 12

As if to further emphasize this truth, death ruling by Adam's sin, what else happened? 8:19-22

All creation was cursed and death reigns. Adam's one sin, one time, had huge impact.

What very important truth about the recipients of God's grace is given in vs.17? 4:5

Available to all, but effective only to those who receive God's grace.

The abundance of the grace continued...5:18-21

What is the first part of Paul's summary conclusion? verse 18a see vs.12

The result of one trespass (by Adam, one time) was condemnation for all men, vs.12

In the same way, one act of righteousness (by Christ, on the cross) made what? vs.18b

Made life (available) for all men. Available to all, received by "the many".

What does verse 19 (re 'the many'), by itself, appear to say?

That everyone became a sinner in Adam and everyone becomes righteous in Christ.

Comparing Scripture w/Scripture, what's the teaching? 1:6,16; 2:13,28-29; 3:22,26; 4:5,11,23-24

Righteousness by faith is only to those who have faith. Available to everyone, but...

And contrary to what the Jew might feel, what was the purpose of the Law? vs.20a

It was added so that trespasses might increase (clearly seen, added violations).

But as Law increased sin, what increased even more? vs.20b

Grace abounded all the more! No amount of sin can go beyond the cover of God's grace.

And finally, Paul's final contrast is what? vs.21

Sin reigns in death and grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life through Christ.