

**“Much More ...”** Romans 5:12-21

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**MUCH MORE ...** Last week we saw the horrible universe-wide impact of Adam and Eve’s sin, not only on us humans, but the entire universe. This week we will focus on God’s Rescue, His Remedy for Sin ... **compare and contrast**.

In Romans 5 we encounter the phrase **“much more”** or something similar to that at least 5 times. We find this phrase verses 9, 10, 15, 17, & 20.

### **Romans 5:8-21**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His **own love** toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. <sup>9</sup> **MUCH MORE** then, having now been **justified** by His blood, we shall be **saved from the wrath of God** through Christ. <sup>10</sup> For if when we were **enemies** we were **reconciled to God** through the **DEATH** of His Son, **MUCH MORE**, having been reconciled, we **SHALL BE SAVED** by His life. <sup>11</sup> And **NOT ONLY THAT**, but we also **REJOICE** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have **NOW** received the reconciliation.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned** — <sup>13</sup>for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is **NOT** imputed when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the **FREE GIFT** is **NOT LIKE** the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, **MUCH MORE** did the **GRACE** of God and the **GIFT** by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, **abound to the many**. <sup>16</sup> The **GIFT** is **NOT LIKE** that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the **JUDGMENT** arose from **ONE transgression** **RESULTING** in **CONDEMNATION**, but on the other hand the **FREE GIFT** arose from many transgressions resulting in **JUSTIFICATION**. <sup>17</sup> For if by the transgression of the one [Adam], **death reigned through the one, MUCH MORE** those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the **ONE**, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> So then as through one transgression there resulted **condemnation to all men**, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted **JUSTIFICATION OF LIFE** to all men. <sup>19</sup> **For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners**, even so through the obedience of the **ONE** the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> The **Law** came in so that the transgression would increase [so that it would be revealed more ]; but where sin increased, grace **abounded ALL THE MORE (MUCH MORE)**, <sup>21</sup> so that, as **sin reigned in death**, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our **LORD**.

God's "**MUCH MORE**" in Christ over sin in our lives

1. He **Demonstrates** His LOVE forever ... (verses 8-11)

**Much More ...**

- a) we are **Justified** by His Blood
- b) **Reconciled** to Him
- c) **Rescued** from His Wrath by His LIFE

2. He conquered Sin and Death ... as a **MUCH MORE → FREE GIFT**

A FREE GIFT of SALVATION, of His GRACE (verses 12-15)

His FREE GIFT ABOUNDS to us (it is greater, increasing, growing ...)

This is nothing we earn, or work for, or do rituals for ...

We receive His Free Gift of Salvation by Trusting in Him, by having Faith in Him, Believing in Him, Personally. TRUST, EMBRACE, RELYING UPON, RESTING IN.

We simply Receive His Free Gift and follow Him as a "thank you" forever.

3. His Free Gift of Grace is **MUCH MORE** than God's Judgment and our Transgressions and the resulting Condemnation

Adam and Eve's Sin was so impactful, the whole universe is feeling the impact.

But, God's Free Gift of Grace is Greater, more powerful, abounding more... (16-17)

Instead of God's Judgment and Condemnation resulting in Death Reigning over us ...

God's Free Gift of Righteousness and LIFE is more powerful than sin's death impact in our lives. His Free Gift of Grace is so powerful, His Gift of Righteousness will cause us to Reign in LIFE in Christ

4. We will Reign in Righteousness to Eternal Life in Christ ...

Even though we are all Made Sinners because of Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden... we were all condemned in Adam ... yet, in Christ, we will Reign in LIFE ... the rebellion, the transgressions, the sin ... none of those things are more powerful than God's MUCH MORE ... HIS Abounding LOVE, HIS Abounding, ever increasing Grace Where SIN increased, God's Grace increases (abounded) even more...

**Do you see how we came from utter helplessness in our sin to Reigning in LIFE?**

There will be a time in the future in which we will rule and reign with Christ, during the 1000 year reign with Christ, here on earth, when Christ comes back and sits upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem (the Millennium) ... (Rev. 20)

And then there will be a time in which we will rule and reign with Christ forever in the New Jerusalem (Rev. 22:5)

**But, only those who are IN CHRIST will have that honor, in the future.**

Christ paid for all of our sins, and those who have received Christ's Salvation, personally, will be able to, some day, rule and reign with Christ, forever. (crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection)

If a person is **not** in Christ, he or she will be sent into the LAKE of FIRE which burns with God's Wrath and Judgment forever. If a person is NOT in Christ, is not "born again" is not Saved ... he or she will have to answer for his or her own SINS ... Please today, REPENT of your sins and Trust in Jesus Christ and be Saved, today. If you aren't sure if you were to die today that you would be in heaven, please today, repent and trust in Jesus Christ. Christ died on the cross for your sins, He was buried, and then rose from the death 3 days later for you and me, to pay for all of our sins, to forgive us of our sins. Repent and Believe TODAY!