

## **“SUMMER OF ROMANS” QUESTIONS**

### **ROMANS 5**

To prepare for CCP’s weekly Bible study, read the following passages and think through the questions below. **Questions printed in bold will be discussed at the meeting, other questions as time permits.**

**READ** *ESV Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

- 1) This first section (verses 1-11) talks about what it means to have peace with God. What do verses 1-2 tell us about “peace with God”?**
- 2) In your own words, describe what you think Paul means with these phrases from verse 2:
  - a. “this grace in which we stand”
  - b. Having “hope of the glory of God”

**READ** *3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

- 3) Where does the chain of events that begins with ‘suffering’ end? How have you seen your suffering produce these other attributes in your own life?**
- 4) According to verse 5, the Holy Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts. How have you loved “irrationally” because of the Holy Spirit?

**READ** *6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- 5) Verses 6-8 give another demonstration of God’s love. What words in this passage describe us?**
- 6) In your own words, what argument is Paul making here?**

**READ** *9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

- 7) Charles Hodge describes verses 9-10 as saying, “If Christ has died for his enemies, he will surely save his friends.” Do you find this to be a compelling argument? How should someone live this confidence out?**
- 8) What does it mean to you to be “reconciled to God” (verse 11)? What similarities or differences are there from “peace with God” in verse 1?

**READ** 12 *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned- 13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.*

**9) Verse 12 starts a new argument, that we are ‘in Adam’ or ‘in Christ’. According to these verses, what comes from being ‘in Adam’?**

10) Verse 12 says “death spread to all men because all sinned”. What does this tell us about whether we die for Adam’s sin or our own sin?

11) Knowing what you do about Jewish-Gentile relations, why does it matter that death reigned before the law? Which is the bigger problem – disobedience to the law or death?

**READ** 15 *But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.*

**12) The ‘free gift’ is different because of its results (though it operates in a similar ‘representative’ way. What are the results of the free gift? How do they compare to the list you made in question 9?**

**13) In your own words, what is the free gift?**

**READ** 17 *If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**14) Paul makes the following comparison. Discuss how each pair of words relates to each other:**

- a. **Trespass (leads to death) – Grace (leads to righteousness)**
- b. **Trespass (leads to condemnation) – Righteous (leads to justification and life)**
- c. **Disobedience (makes men sinners) – Obedience (makes men righteous)**
- d. **Law (increases trespass) – Grace (abounds even more)**
- e. **Sin (reigns in death) – Grace (reigns in righteousness leading to life)**