

A JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH. Romans 5:1-5.

- ❖ What does “having been justified” mean?
 - We have been declared just. That is, sinless men and women whose lives resound in harmony with the Law of God.
- ❖ How have we been justified?
 - We’ve been justified by our faith in Jesus, not because any good work we might’ve done.
- ❖ Which is the legal mechanism behind that?
 - Jesus paid for the guilt of our sins by dying at the cross. Our lives are replaced by His perfect life. We are just because He is just.

B GOD’S LOVE FOR SINNERS. Romans 5:6-11.

- ❖ How does God show us His love?
 - Romans 5:6-8: He made the first move to reconciliation. He died for us when we were still sinners.
 - Romans 5:9: He hates sin and He will destroy it forever. Nevertheless, He offers a way out so we are not destroyed for our sins.
 - Romans 5:10-11: Jesus reconciled us with God in His death and resurrection. We are saved because He lives.

C SIN COMES TO EARTH. Romans 5:12.

- ❖ God created mankind so we could be happy in His presence forever. That was enough proof of God’s love before sin brought death to our kind.
- ❖ Adam represented humanity. His fall made the plan of redemption necessary. God had already prepared that plan as the solution for our possible fall.
- ❖ Death is the consequence of sin in humanity. We can’t do anything to solve this issue because we all have sinned (Romans 3:23).

D THE LAW AND SIN. Romans 5:13-14, 20-21.

- ❖ SIN REIGNED:
 - Romans 5:13-14: Before the law (From Adam to Moses).
 - There was sin, so there was Law—although it was not fully explained.
 - Romans 5:20: After the law (From Moses to the end of sin).
 - People understood what sin is in a better way. Therefore, sin abounded.
- ❖ GRACE REIGNS:
 - Romans 5:21: Grace abounded much more in Jesus Christ.

E ADAM’S TRANSGRESSION AND GOD’S GIFT. Romans 5:15-19.

- ❖ Jesus redeemed Adam’s disgraceful failure and fall, and, thus, as our Substitute, He placed us on vantage ground with God. Hence, Jesus is the “Gift from God.”
- ❖ Justification cannot be won. It’s a gift!