

WARM-UP

- If you could bring one thing with you wherever you go, what would it be and why?
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how competitive are you? Why do you say so?
- When was the last time you felt an overflow of emotions? What happened?

WORD *For 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. **ROMANS 5:17***

(Read also **ROMANS 5:12-21**.)

God's desire from the very beginning was to have a relationship with man. But because of sin, which came through the disobedience of one man, Adam, humanity was separated from God. The gospel is the good news that God made a way to bring us back to Him. Through the righteousness of Christ, we can receive God's grace. Today, we will learn more about the abundant grace that was poured out on us through Jesus.

1 | God's grace is the answer to sin.

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 . . . **ROMANS 5:15**

The disobedience of one man brought sin into the world. Tainted with a sinful nature, all have sinned and deserve to receive the punishment of sin, which is death, or eternal separation from God. Since we cannot save ourselves from our sinful nature, God had to extend His grace. According to Titus 2:11, what does God offer by His grace?

2 | God's grace overflowed through Christ.

. . . the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **ROMANS 5:15**

In this passage, "grace" originally means to show kindness and favor. And this is what Jesus showed us when He died on the cross in our place. He demonstrated this abundant grace. His grace is bigger than Adam's sin and even bigger than all our sins. Though we don't deserve it, God pours out His kindness and favor on us. According to Ephesians 2:4,5, why did God save us by His grace?

3 | God's grace causes us to reign in life.

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God's abundant grace did not only save us from death brought by sin. It also gave us the assurance that we can reign in life. This means that through Christ, we can be victorious in whatever difficulties we may face. What does it mean to reign in life, and how has this been evident in your own life?

APPLICATION

- Have you made a mistake that you think is too big for God's grace? Ask God to show you His overflowing grace. Ask someone you trust to pray for you.
- What is God teaching you about living a victorious life? Meditate on Romans 5:17 and share what God is showing you to your mentor or friend.
- Who can you encourage to receive God's grace? Call this person this week and pray for him or her to experience God's grace.

