

Week of September 20, 2026 - Grace Reigns | Small Group Study 15

Connect

Have you ever been in a situation where someone else made a decision or a mistake that you had to deal with on their behalf? How did you handle it?

Verses - Romans 5:12-21 (CSB)

Read aloud:

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. 13 In fact, sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not charged to a person's account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam's transgression. He is a type of the Coming One. 15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if by the one man's trespass the many died, how much more have the grace of God and the gift which comes through the grace of the one man Jesus Christ overflowed to the many. 16 And the gift is not like the one man's sin, because from one sin came the judgment, resulting in condemnation, but from many trespasses came the gift, resulting in justification. 17 If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone. 19 For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 20 The law came along to multiply the trespass. But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. According to v.12, how did sin and death first enter the world, and why did death spread to everyone? In v.14, who is the one man who started this cycle and who is he a pattern of?

2. In vv.15-17, Paul contrasts two different outcomes. What was the result of the trespass of the one man, and what is the completely different result of the gift brought by Jesus Christ?

3. According to vv.18-19, how does the disobedience of one person compare to the obedience of the other person? What is the final state given to the many in both situations?

4. Looking at vv.20-21, why did the law come along in the first place? When sin multiplied as a result, what did grace do in response?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Takeshi explained that Adam was like an ambassador who acted on behalf of all mankind. Because of this, when Adam sinned, we all inherited that sinful nature. Why is it important to understand that we are not just making individual mistakes, but that we actually need Jesus to be our new representative collectively to give us new life?

Discuss 2:
Pastor Takeshi highlighted that where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more, using examples like Peter denying Jesus and still being restored. When we feel like second class Christians because of our failures, how does knowing that nothing can withhold the grace of God encourage us to confess our sins and run back to Him?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing *specific* prayer requests.