

# The Book of Romans

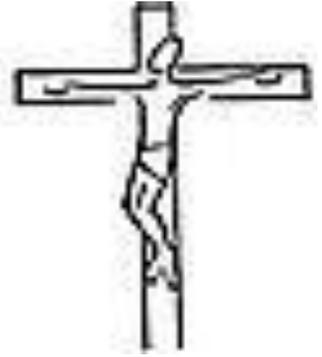
## "A RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD!"

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### **TEXT:**

**4:23** But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

### **Peace with God Through Faith**

**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**. **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.

**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. **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.

### **Death in Adam, Life in Christ**

**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**.

**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. **17** 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.

**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.

## STUDY NOTES:

### The Promise Realized Through Faith for Us

**23** But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, **24** but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in **him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord**, **25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (Is 53:11,12; Eph 2:8,9; 2 Cor 5:15-21)

### Peace with God Through Faith

**5:1** since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Christ died for the ungodly **8** but **God shows his love for us** in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** **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, shall we be saved by his life. (Mt 27:51; Mk 1:15; Gal 4:4; Col 1:21,22)

### Suffering ....Hope

**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. **Christ**, through whom we have now received reconciliation. **11** More than that, we also rejoice in **God through our Lord Jesus** (Heb 3:6; 10:36; Php 1:20; 1 Jn 3:2,3)

### Death in the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam,

**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... like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass... the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation... **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man... **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men... **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners... **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased... **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, (Gen 8:21; Ps 51:5; 58:3; Eph 2:3)

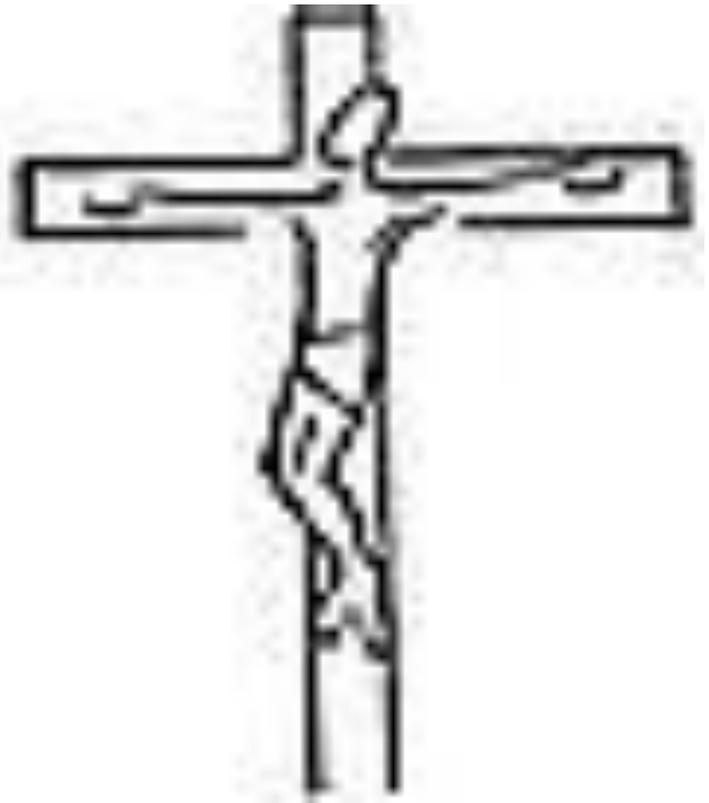
### Life in Christ the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam

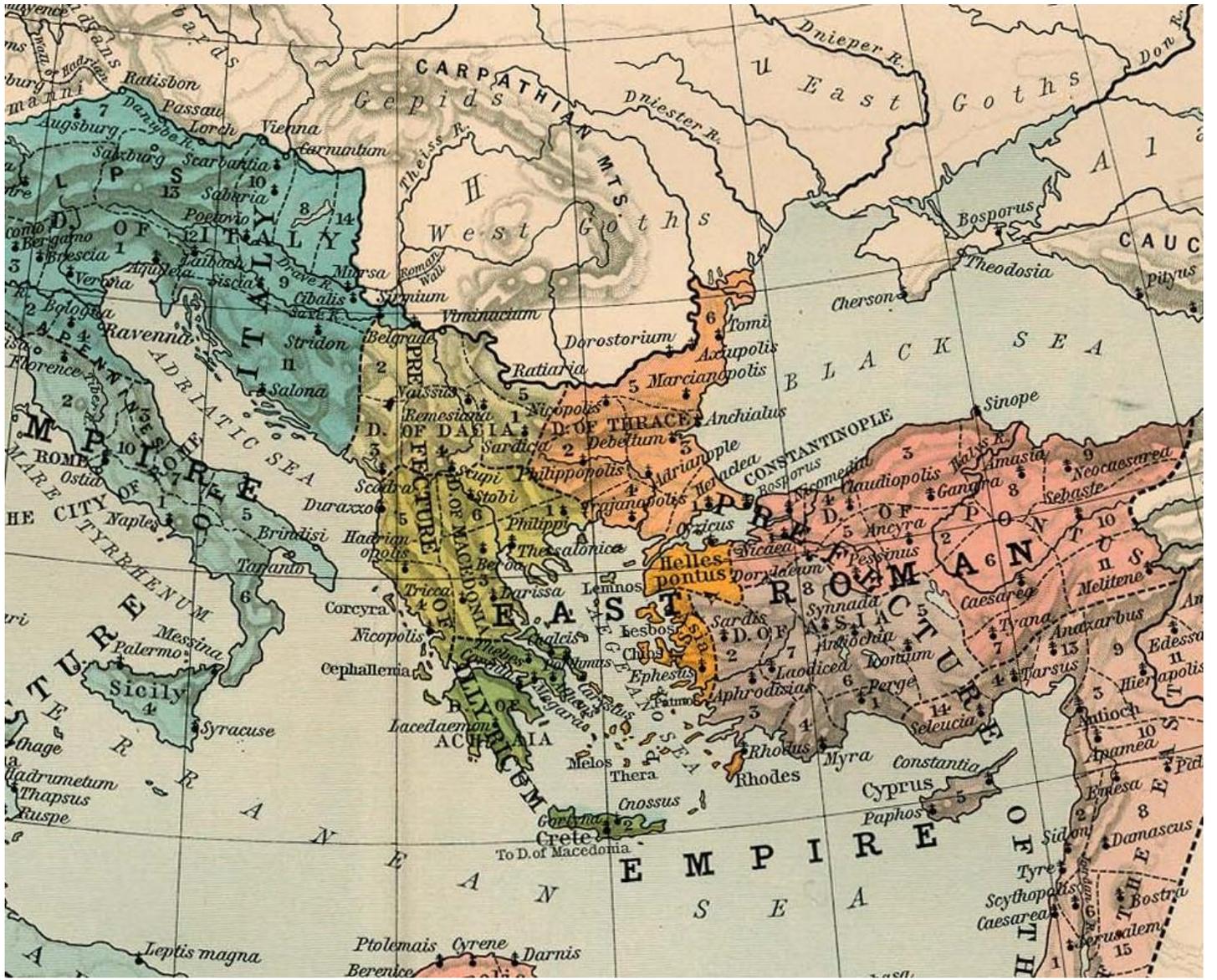
Adam, who was **a type of the one who was to come.** **15** But the free gift is not, much more have **the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ** abounded for many. **16** And the free gift...the free gift following many trespasses brought justification... much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ...so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men... so by **the one man's obedience** the many will be made righteous... grace abounded all the more... grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through **Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(2 Cor 5:2; 2Tim 2:12; Rev 22:5)

## LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Living by faith seems easy, but why is this actually difficult? So how can we do it?
2. How does peace in your heart flow from the reality of peace with God through Christ Jesus?
3. Can you see the chain of suffering, perseverance, character and hope in your own life?
4. Describe the effects upon our world of the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam. Describe the effects upon our world of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam.











"Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."—*Rom. v. 3, 4.*



