

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 5

Lesson 6

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Share something you gleaned about faith from last week's lesson or lecture.

2. God's grace is tremendously powerful! It is able to declare us righteous, reconcile us to God, grant us access to God, certify our hope, and even bring purpose to all our earthly afflictions. The power of grace is greater than the power of sin. Sin has reigned since Adam, because all men have sinned. However, God's grace has the power to forgive and set men free from sin. Whereas sin brought death, God's grace brings life! It is in this amazing grace that believers stand. In Romans 5 Paul declared the benefits and superiority of God's grace and explained how this grace was made available to us through faith. As you read the passages below, note your observations about God's grace:
 - a. Romans 5:1-5

 - b. Romans 5:6-11

 - c. Romans 5:12-17

 - d. Romans 5:18-21

3. Ask God to reveal to you the greatness of His grace in which you stand.

*Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,
and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Romans 5:2

SECOND DAY: Read Romans 5:1-5

1. From Romans 5:1-3a list the benefits of *being justified by faith*:

a. Verse 1

(1) Connect this with Ephesians 2:14-15 and share your thoughts.

b. Verse 2a

(1) Link this with Hebrews 4:16. What do you see?

(2) Comment on how someone can *stand* in this grace.

c. Verse 2b

(1) How do you see God's *glory* benefiting you? See also John 17:22.

2. In Romans 5:3a Paul declared that the believer could *glory in tribulations* because of what God produces through them. Use Romans 5:3b-4 to fill in the chart below with what God develops through our *tribulations*:

Verse 3b		produces	
Verse 4a		produces	
Verse 4b		produces	

a. What do you observe about God's purposes in affliction?

b. How do these truths affect your perspective concerning *tribulations* in your life?

c. Share a way God has brought purpose through *tribulation*.

3. In Romans 5:5a Paul declared that *hope does not disappoint*. What evidence did he give for this?
Romans 5:5b

a. What assurance does this give you concerning your *hope*? See also Ephesians 1:13-14.

4. From your study today, consider and comment on the blessings that are yours through faith in Christ.

THIRD DAY: Read Romans 5:6–11

1. According to Romans 5:6a, how did God show His love for us?
 - a. Describe the state we were in before God intervened. See also Ephesians 2:1–3, 5.
 - (1) Notice that He did this *in due time*. Connect this with Galatians 4:4 and share your thoughts.
2. In Romans 5:7–8 Paul used an argument style known as *From the Lesser to the Greater*. What is so much greater about what God did for us?
 - a. How does this speak to you concerning God's *love* for you?
3. Romans 5:9 (NLT) states, *And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation*. How does this minister to you personally?
4. Read Romans 5:10 and answer the following questions:
 - a. When were we *reconciled to God*? Romans 5:10a
 - (1) Why is this remarkable? See also Colossians 1:21–22.
 - b. Note and comment on what we gained:
 - (1) Through Christ's *death* – Romans 5:10a
 - (2) *By His life* – Romans 5:10b
5. Read Romans 5:11 (NLT), *So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God*. Why is this cause for rejoicing?
 - a. Share a practical way you rejoice in God's grace.

FOURTH DAY: Read Romans 5:12–17

1. Paul contrasted the original sin of Adam with forgiveness of sin through Christ. What happened *through one man*? Romans 5:12a
 - a. What further results occurred because of sin? Romans 5:12b
 - (1) Link this with James 1:14–15. What do you see?
2. In Romans 5:13 Paul explained that sin had not yet been identified nor defined before the giving of the law. However, sin was still at work and had devastating effects. According to Romans 5:14a, what were some of those effects?
 - a. Link this with Hebrews 2:14–15. What do you see?
3. In Romans 5:14 Paul stated that Adam was a *type of Him who was to come* in that he, like Christ, did not have a sin nature. With this in mind, use Romans 5:15–17 to contrast the results of Adam's sin with God's grace through Jesus Christ:

	ADAM'S SIN	GOD'S GRACE
Verse 15		
Verse 16		
Verse 17		

- a. From these verses explain why *the free gift is greater than the offense*.
- b. How does the *grace of God* minister to you?

FIFTH DAY: Read Romans 5:18–21

1. Adam, as the first man created, is the father of *all men*; he therefore acted as a representative for *all men*. Jesus was sent by God to be the second representative of *all men*. Use the chart to note the different results that came from these two representatives:

	ADAM		JESUS	
Verse 18	<i>One man's offense</i>		<i>One Man's righteous act</i>	
Verse 19	<i>One man's disobedience</i>		<i>One Man's obedience</i>	

- a. What stands out to you from the contrast between Adam and Jesus?
2. Romans 5:20a (NLT) says, *God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were*. Link this with Romans 7:7 to comment on the purpose of the *law*.

- a. In spite of this, Paul had good news! Record this good news from Romans 5:20b.

(1) How does this truth minister to you?

3. Read Romans 5:21 (NLT), *So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*. Contrast the reign of *sin* with the reign of *grace*.

- a. Link this with Colossians 1:12–14. What do you see?

4. Share a testimony of how God's grace has *abounded* in your life.

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. From your study this week comment on the following:
 - a. Benefits of God's grace – Romans 5:1-5
 - b. Work of God's grace – Romans 5:6-7
 - c. Power of God's grace – Romans 5:8-11
 - d. Need for God's grace – Romans 5:12-14
 - e. Superiority of God's grace – Romans 5:15-21
2. What do you find most amazing about the good news of God's grace?

*Even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
Romans 5:21