

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

5.17.2026

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

The Second Adam

Romans 5: 12 - 21

As believers, we have learned, that by trusting in Christ, we have moved from the condemnation of the first man Adam to a state of justification by the last man Adam who is Christ Jesus. Therefore, we understand, that Gods free gift of righteousness is not just a cancellation of the original sin of Adam, but it is an act of his mercy that covers all the trespasses of mankind, and for those, who by faith, believe in his work of redemption, we will reign in an eternal life with him. Adam's sin brought condemnation and death, both physical and spiritual to all of humanity, but Christs free gift of grace will bring justification and life to all who will believe. So, let us compare the impact of choices made at different points of time in the world. Adam introduced sin to a world that knew no sin by breaking the commandment of God, which brought condemnation to all of mankind. Christ, who was born of man, chose to become Gods free gift of grace to the world, when he allowed himself to be crucified for our sin debt, and his actions of humility brought justification from God to everyone who receives his grace by faith, and we now live having the righteousness of Christ within us.

Romans 8: 18 – 21,....the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us....for the earnest expectation....waiteth for the manifestation of the Sons of God....for the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope....because the creature....shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God....

Through the second Adam, the entirety of the universe, which is currently dying due to sin, will be restored, when all those who by faith are fully glorified in the end of time. God never intended for creation to experience death forever, so he acted in hope, giving his only begotten Son, so that all who believe might obtain freedom from the bondage of sin and be glorified.

Romans 5: 12 – 14,....as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and....death passed upon all men....until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed where there is no law....nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after....Adams transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come....

Death is the consequence of sin, and all have inherited a sinful nature, separating us from God. But faith-based salvation brings us peace with God. Now, humanity was spiritually dead due to the inherited nature of Adam, and until then sin was present and active in the world, for God did not charge their personal transgressions to them, but they were still under the penalty of sin. This means that mankind's death during this time was not due to the breaking of a specific commandment, for the commandments had not yet been given, but it was because of an inherited sinful nature. Therefore, it is the law that makes sin visible and accountable, showing unto us the transgressions of our sin nature. So, man became sinners through the relationship with Adam but are made righteous through a relationship with Christ. From Adam death reigned over all of humanity resulting in condemnation, which serves to show the needful necessity of a savior, who is Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 53: 6,....all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all....

No one is exempt from the penalty of sin, but even so we must not choose our own self reliance and personal desires over the pathway that God would have us to follow. So, for this reason, God did not overlook sin, but he made a way for the consequences of sin through restoration, by placing the guilt and penalty of our wrongdoings upon the sacrifice of his Son, Christ Jesus, so that we might put our total faith and trust upon the glory of God.

Romans 5: 15 – 19,....not as the offense, so also is the free gift....if through the offense of one many be dead, much more....by grace....by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many....for the judgement was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification....by one man's offence death reigned....that which receive....the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.....by the offence of one, judgement came upon all men to condemnation....the righteousness of one....came upon all men unto justification of life....by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous....

God's grace, through Christ is far greater than the sin which came by Adam, for his grace provides salvation unto life, restoring mankind unto himself. Adam acted in disobedience, whereas Christ's actions were of obedience unto God. God's grace broke the power of sin and death, offering an eternal righteousness unto all those who will accept it, for his grace outweighs the impact of sin on humanity. Even though mankind's sins are many, God's free gift covers them all. Therefore, we are made sinners by our relationship to Adam and made righteous by our relationship to Christ. Salvation is not earned but received through the righteousness of Christ to every believer, reversing the effects of the condemnation of sin. Remember, we are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners through our association with Adam, but once by faith believing we have accepted our new nature in Christ, which is our saving grace, we are no longer sinners, but we are heirs of God, members of the body of Christ.

Romans 5: 20 – 21,....the law entered, that the offence might abound....but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound....as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life....

No amount of sin can overcome God's love, his mercy, and his grace. Now, the law brings to light the sinfulness in our life, but it cannot provide the power to overcome it. So, for some, sin seems overwhelming, but God assures us that his grace reigns over sin, for it is the power of God to change us, and to enable us, to overcome sin unto righteousness. So, grace reigns unto the righteousness of Christ, which he accredits unto the believer to live therein, with the ultimate goal of eternal life.

Philippians 3: 9,....and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith....

The only righteousness that counts in the eyes of God is the righteousness that comes through trusting in Christ finished work on the cross. As believers, we have positioned ourselves in Christ, so that when God looks at us, he sees the perfect righteousness of his Son Christ instead of our sinfulness. Therefore, we must rely upon Christ, not only for our salvation, but for all things in our life, anything else will only hinder our relationship with Christ.

Let us Pray

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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