



The Gift that Destroyed Death

Romans 5:12-21

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(Referring to Gen 3)

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Romans 5:16*b*

... For the judgment which came from one offense (Adam) resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification (Christ).

Romans 5:17

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What is this “gift”?

- ✓ “free” (v15, v16)
- ✓ “by ... grace” (v15)
- ✓ “not like the offense” (v15), “came from many offenses (v16)
- ✓ “through one Man’s ... act” ... “came to all men”, “resulting in ... life” (v18, v21)
- ✓ “by ... obedience” (v19)
- ✓ **“of righteousness” (v17)**

The Gift

The **righteousness of Christ**,
freely offered (by grace),
obtained through
Jesus' act of obedience (Cross),
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Un-Righteousness

- Not about extent but nature
- Not only its presence (sin) but potential
- Not whether you did it, but that you would have done it (desire) if there was no penalty

Gift of **Righteousness**

- **Nature** - we have the nature of Christ in us (2 Cor 5:17, Col 1:27)

2 Cor 5:17

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”

Col 1:27

“Christ in you, the hope of glory!”

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“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us**”

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“For I **delight** in the law of God according to the inward man.”

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.



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