

# Saved

Romans 5:18-21  
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## A. Even Though (v. 18):

1. Through one transgression - Adam's decision, which he totally owned, violated the Word of God causing him to stand guilty before the Lord God. His guilty status removed him from the presence of God. God so loved us; He immediately promised to restore the relationship with us (Genesis 3:15).
2. Condemnation - God responded directly to Adam's sin by placing judgment on all mankind. We all lived under this judgment because sin ruled. This was total exposure when Israel demonstrated a lack of ability to consistently do what the Lord instructed them to do, even Moses. As a result, Moses experienced the Lord's condemnation. This is why Romans 5:6 says we were helpless.
3. One act of righteousness - Adam totally owned the decision he made to violate the Word of God, so God decisively "demonstrates His own love towards us" (Romans 5:8) so that while we were helpless, ungodly and sinners, His righteousness (this was demonstrated by Jesus living up to the standards of the laws of Moses without sin) demonstrated, while Christ was a man living like any other man on earth, a man's willful ability to not sin.
4. One act of righteousness - His righteousness was expressed when He perfectly obeyed the will of God. Through this second Adam, if we accept Christ, we can remove the stain of the first Adam (Romans 5:12-17). We can now have the ability to live up to the standards of the Lord God.
5. One act of righteousness - Adam's sin imputed a sin nature into all of mankind resulting in death. God, on His own initiative, allowed Christ to pay the full payment for our sins by His blood (Romans 5:9) so that God, as a result of Christ death and resurrection, He can impute a righteous nature, through the pouring of the Holy Spirit into us (Titus 3:4-8). So, we now have the power, to overcome the influence of sin that still resides in our flesh (Romans 6:5-7, 11-19).
6. Having now been justified - *Justification is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ.* Every word of this definition is important. Justification is *an act* and not a process. It is God's activity of restoring man to a right relationship with him. No Christian is "more justified" than another Christian:

- a) "To deem to be right," signifies, in the NT, (a) "to show to be right or righteous";
  - b) Means either to bring out the fact that a person is righteous, or if he is not, to make him righteous.
  - c) Even though justification is done only by God it is left upon the believer to demonstrate this by faith.
7. Having now been justified by His blood – Christ's death on Calvary, not our efforts, put us back in right standing with God. This becomes a reality when we accept the gift of salvation by believing in our hearts (Romans 10:9) that Christ did die and rose from the grave.
  8. Having now been justified by His blood - Our salvation allows God to see us as righteous in His eyes because the Holy Spirit is poured into us (Titus 3:4-8) sealing us in preparation for our entrance into the presence of God (Ephesians 1:13-14). This allows us to be at peace with God (Ephesians 2:17).
  9. Justification - The direct result of having righteousness imputed into us (having the Holy Spirit quicken our spirit) is that we can now be guiltless before God.
  10. Justification - Christ did not just give us eternal life by saving us, but He provided us the inner ability to become just like Him (Galatians 2:2; Ephesians 3:14-21) and there, experience all the blessings the Lord has in store for us.
  11. Life (Zoe) - The direct result of righteousness being imputed into us, made us guiltless before God, no longer to experience the wrath of God (Ephesians 2:14-19). We now, because of the blood and resurrection of Christ, have the Holy Spirit in us quickening our spirit and providing us the ability to have "life and life abundantly." (John 10:10).
  12. By His life – Christ lived through every trial that a person can be subjected to and did not sin (1 Peter 2:21-25) so that when we experience the gift of life through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, our suffering perfects us (James 1:2-4) manifesting the life of Christ in us so that "we no longer live..." (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:21). This also blesses us eternally to be rewarded with the "Crown of Life." (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10). The direct result of His death is the powerful work of His life in us so that we have life abundantly (John 10:10). His life in us is our salvation.

## **B. Made Brand New (v. 19):**

1. As through one man's disobedience - Adam demonstrated a careless attitude towards carefully following the instructions provided by God and this led to him to possessing a

careless attitude towards God's word. This attitude caused him to not be purposeful about doing what God told him to do.

2. Many were made sinners - All mankind were put in the same position as Adam. All mankind, like Adam, willfully decides to function with the same attitude Adam demonstrated. What this means is if we were placed in the same position as Adam, we would do the same thing. God gave us a freewill just like He did for Adam.
3. Through the obedient - Christ, who repeatedly said He “must be about His Father's business” possessed a positive, response attitude towards submitting to the will of His Father.
4. Many will be made righteous – Because Christ demonstrated that His mindset was to decisively obey God and by doing so be manifested, He has the ability to always do what God said, those who are saved have this same nature imputed into them. This is the main focus for Christ death and resurrection (Romans 5:12-14). It is to impute through the Holy Spirit the ability for mankind to live righteous. This righteous life (not perfect life; a life committed to obey the will of God) is what brings the greatest blessings (Psalm 112; 128; Proverbs 24:3-5).

### **C. Abundant Life (vs. 20-21):**

1. The law came - All the divine laws of God provided through Moses in the Pentateuch, once and for all, were provided by God for mankind.
2. So that transgression would increase - With the law present while man is in his sin nature, man only caused us to abound more and more indecisively, willfully violating the Word of God which caused us to stand guilty before the Lord God. The holy standards of God exposed our desire to sin.
3. Where sin increased – Where our will decided to disobey God more and more, Christ death and resurrection abounded God's spontaneous, free-hearted, unlimited generosity. This became more and more favorable to us so that we can be delivered from destroying ourselves.
4. Grace abounded – Even though we were once enemies of God, ungodly and sinners, Christ based on His “own love” redeemed us from helplessly obeying our sin nature (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). This was done because God generously with no expectations of any return to Himself, provided us His free-hearted generous favor so that we no longer would have to stand before Him condemned (Romans 8:1-2).

5. As sin reigned in death – We were spiritually dead, and had no relationship with God because we once lived under the indictment of Adam's sin; sin ruled our lives because there was no inner ability from God to overcome the power of sin.
6. Grace reign through righteousness – God's free-hearted generous favor towards us was always greater than any sin man could commit. This generosity was the supernatural power that ruled through the righteous nature of Christ that resulted in our justification. It is this grace and righteous nature, imputed into us, that is our deliverance from the influences of the flesh (Romans 6:5-7, 11-18).
7. Eternal life – The direct object of this generous free-hearted gift is that it provided to us the unlimited nature of the new life of God in us.
8. Eternal life – This unending experience of life can only be experienced when we are fully surrendered to trust God through trials as He refines us (life here means experiencing the “Crown of Life;” James 1:12; Revelation 2:10) because we remain steadfast in our commitment to obey His Word no matter what it cost us (1 Peter 1:3-9).
9. Jesus Christ our Lord - This all takes place because Jesus who is our Savior was fully God in His nature; so even though He paid for our sins He knew no sin and can therefore die a righteous death imputing righteousness into us.
10. Jesus Christ our Lord - In order for sin to no longer reign over us, Christ must reign as Lord in our lives so that we do not live under the influence of sin that is still in our flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit who powerfully lives inside of us empowering us to execute the righteous nature we now have.
11. Jesus Christ our Lord - When Jesus Christ reigns in our lives, we become just like Him (Galatians 2:20).