

A perfect gift reflects both the giver and the one receiving the gift. In the birth of Jesus, God gives a gift of love that reflects both God's generosity of grace, as well as our need to receive God's grace.

"This letter presents theology in a logical, organized way and focuses on salvation as a gift from God, through grace, by the blood of Christ Jesus." —NIV introduction to Romans

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Jesus to us —

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The Gift of Love



Romans 5:12–21 (NIV)

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Romans 5:12-21



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What is the gift that the apostle Paul talks about in today's Bible passage?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Romans 5:12-21

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

N D Y O D E W F A J J D R
C I M L B N D P F L U E O
M O R I G H T E O U S S W
N O N I M H S O L L T O T
W R E D G A A P L Y I N T
M R T U E I D L O M F F J
U U O R B M F E W T I M E
J R C O E C N T E M C C S
B N A H C S H A D H A T U
I T M H A A P D T R T N S
I R E S U L T A G I I I Y
C H R I S T E M S M O R E
N L C L E D M U W S N N G
D O G F R W B C F N R A Y

Therefore, **just** as sin entered the **world** through one man, and **death** through sin, and in this way **death came** to all **people**, **because** all sinned—To be sure, sin was in the **world** before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, **death** reigned from the **time** of **Adam** to the **time** of Moses, even over those

who did not sin by breaking a command, as did **Adam**, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the **gift** is not like the **trespass**. For if the **many** died by the **trespass** of the one man, how **much more** did God's **grace** and the **gift** that **came** by the **grace** of the one man, **Jesus Christ**, overflow to the **many**! Nor can the **gift** of God be compared with the **result** of one man's sin: The judgment **followed** one sin and **brought condemnation**, but the **gift followed many** trespasses and **brought justification**. For if, by the **trespass** of the one man, **death** reigned through that one man, how **much more** will those who receive God's abundant provision of **grace** and of the **gift** of righteousness **reign in life** through the one man, **Jesus Christ**! Consequently, **just** as one **trespass** resulted in **condemnation** for all **people**, so **also** one **righteous** act resulted in **justification** and **life** for all **people**. For **just** as through the disobedience of the one man the **many** were **made** sinners, so **also** through the obedience of the one man the **many** will be **made righteous**. The law was **brought** in so that the **trespass** might **increase**. But where sin increased, **grace** increased all the **more**, so that, **just** as sin reigned in **death**, so **also** **grace** might **reign** through righteousness to bring eternal **life** through **Jesus Christ** our Lord.