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# THE BOOK OF ROMANS: Set Free to Reign

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“<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.” *Romans 5:6–10, ESV*

## Who Did Jesus Die For?

1. The Weak *v6*
2. The Ungodly *v6*
3. Those Sinning *v8*
4. The Enemy *v10*

## What Makes Grace So Great?

“<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, **much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.** <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Romans 5:12–21, ESV*

1. Cause and Effect

Sin / Disobedience Is Like a Plague *v12*

2. Death Reigns *vs14*

Everyone Is Born Spiritually Dead

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins” *Ephesians 2:1, ESV*

“Even when we were dead in our trespasses,  
[God] made us alive together with Christ...” *Ephesians 2:5, ESV*

Everyone Is Fated to Die The 2<sup>nd</sup> Death

“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” *Revelation 21:8, ESV*

### 3. The Greatness of God’s Gift Is Found in Its... *v15*

- 1) Cost
- 2) Completeness
- 3) Consistency
- 4) Individuality
- 5) Absurdity

### **God’s Plan for The Rest of Your Life Is to Reign! *v17***

We Need to Stop Whining About Our Sin and Failures  
and Start Living the Kingdom Life

1. God Wants Me to Reign Now
2. Reigning Is About God’s Kingdom

Those of Us Who Have Received the Abundance of Grace and The Free Gift of Righteousness Have Been Authorized to Lead  
Others to Discover the Kingdom of God and Give Them the Tools to Be Victorious as Well

3. Reigning Is About Acting Like God Is Powerful Enough to Change My World

#### **How Do I Get There?**

I Saturate Myself with...

Time with God

The Word of God

The People of God

The Mission of God