

Reigning With Life Part 9: The Nature of God Part 3

Romans 5:18-21

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of **One** the free gift came upon all men unto **justification** of life.

justification - Dikaíōsis (dik-ah'-yo-sis) - acquittal - a judgment that a person is not guilty of the crime with which the person has been charged. For example: "The trial resulted in an acquittal. His record is clear of all charges."

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of **One** shall many be **made righteous**. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might **abound**. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: **21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Reign— [Gr. basileuō], [bas-il-yoo'-o] to reign as a king or the governor.

Romans 5:17 (NLT)

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who **receive** it, will **live in triumph** over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

John 5:25-26

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and **they that hear shall live**. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have **life in himself**.

John 1:4

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Walking in the life of God is yielding to the life of God.

1 Corinthians 15:31

I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Galatians 2:17-21

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **[Don't build on the old, build on the new. It takes great labour.]** 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

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Galatians 2:17-21 (GW) 17 If we, the same people who are searching for God's approval in Christ, are still sinners, does that mean that Christ encourages us to sin? That's unthinkable! 18 If I rebuild something that I've torn down, I admit that I was wrong to tear it down. 19 When I tried to obey the laws in the Scriptures, those laws killed me. As a result, I

live in a relationship with God. I have been crucified with Christ. 20 I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live I live by believing in God's Son, who loved me and took the punishment for my sins. 21 I don't reject God's kindness. If we receive God's approval by obeying the laws in the Scriptures, then Christ's death was pointless.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come **that they might have life (/nature)**, and that they might have it more abundantly.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (CJB) Therefore, if anyone is united with the Messiah, he is a new creation—the old has passed; look, what has come is fresh and new!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (GW) Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (BBE) So if any man is in Christ, he is in a new world: the old things have come to an end; they have truly become new.

- 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
 - How did He walk?
 - He walked in the light of Who He was – born of God.

1 John 4:4-6 4 **Ye are of God (His nature & character), little children (of God)**, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are (**born*) of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not (**born*) of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom **we have redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Redemption, Gr. apolytrōsis (op-o-loo'-tro-sis) - a releasing, effected by payment of ransom

Forgiveness, Gr. áphesis (of'-e-sis) - release from bondage or imprisonment **NOW!!!**

- Notice the tense here. Not, we may have it if we have faith enough; no, "In whom we have (now) our **redemption** (the releasing) through his blood (payment)," We have "the releasing of our trespasses." The Greek word does not mean "forgiveness," as it is translated; it is "releasing from bondage" that always comes in the New Birth.

Forgiveness is something we get when we sin as believers.
Remission is something that the sinner gets when he comes into the Family.

Romans 3:24-25 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the **remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God.

Eph 2:10 BBE

The father did not draw me to Christ just to save me, but to conform me.

Ephesians 2:10 (BBE) For by his act we were given **existence in Christ** Jesus to do those good works which God before made ready for us so that we might do them.

Colossians 3:1 (Arthur Way Translation)

"If, then, you have shared in Messiah's resurrection, aspire ever to the things on high, where Messiah is, throned at the right hand of God. Let your thoughts dwell on things above, not grovel on the earth. (**THIS TAKES REAL DISCIPLINE, DESIRE AND PERSEVERANCE**) You have died to things of earth, and your real life now has been hidden, by its union with Messiah, in the being of God."

- We have utter oneness, our absolute union in Christ:

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV) 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Don't forget for a moment that in the mind of the Father you are sharing in the Throne of Grace. You own a share in it.

Eph. 2:6 (Way) "We share His throne." Why? our Head is there. Our Lord is there.

Psalms 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Proverbs 6:20-23

20 My son, keep thy father's commandment (Word),
and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee;
when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee;

and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law (Word) is light;

and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 16:15-16

In the light of the king's countenance is life;
and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!
and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12 (TPT) 12 Then Jesus said, "I am light to the world and those who embrace me will experience life-giving light, and they will never walk in darkness."

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?**

John 8:12 (GW) 12 Jesus spoke to the Pharisees again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have a life filled with light and will never live in the dark."

John 21:17-19 (GW) Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep. 18 I can guarantee this truth: When you were young, you would get ready to go where you wanted. But when you're old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will get you ready to take you where you don't want to go." 19 Jesus said this to show by what kind of death Peter would bring glory to God. After saying this, Jesus told Peter, "Follow me!"

We may die the life of a martyr, but following Jesus makes you a martyr (witness) and you will have to die daily. (Gal 2:20)