

Grace Reigns

ROMANS 5:12-21

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Key Words: 10 words in 10 verses

sin, sinned, sinners - 10x	the trespass - 9x
Adam/one man - 3x	Jesus/the One man - 5x
death - 6x	the free gift - 5x
the law - 4x	grace - 5x
reign/reigned - 5x	righteousness - 4x

Sin came and death **REIGNED**, (v. 12-14)

SIN v. 12 Matthew 15:18-19; Matthew 23:25-26

law or no law v. 13

THE transgression v. 14 Hebrews 9:27; Genesis 3:5-8

but the **FREE GIFT** was too powerful, (v. 15-17)

the trespass vs. the free gift v. 15-16

the one man v. 17 Romans 5:8

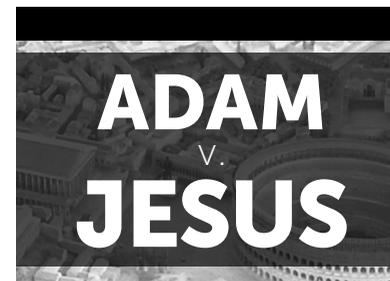
now **GRACE** reigns through Jesus Christ, (v. 18-21)

Adam or Jesus over and over v. 18-19

let grace reign in you v. 20-21 1 John 1:8-9

grace reigns: how do you receive grace? Matthew 23:25-26

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



In Romans 5:12-21, Paul compares Adam and Jesus. Adam was the first human, but he failed in sin and condemned us all. Jesus was the first human to never sin, and was condemned for us all, so that all could be restored and have life.

TWO MEN

Adam & Jesus (v. 14)

TWO ACTS

Adam: *one trespass (sin)*
v. 12, 15, 17-19

Jesus: *one righteous act (on the cross)*
v. 18

TWO SCOPES

Adam: *universally affects all*

Jesus: *sufficient for all, effective only for those who believe*

TWO RESULTS

Adam: *condemnation, guilt, death*
v. 15-16, 18-19

Jesus: *justification, forgiveness, life*
v. 17-19



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

*When something uncomfortable comes your way—a tough conversation, a long wait, or a hard workout—are you more likely to **run from** it or **lean into** it?*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- What's your reaction to this statement: ***“Jesus gave his life for me, to take my life from me, so he could live his life through me”?***
- Experiencing an abundant life can seem like a confusing goal. Jesus simplifies it in a talk he had with his disciples where he used a vineyard analogy to explain what it takes to grow in him. **Read John 15:1-8** and jot down what role each of the main characters has (God, Jesus and the believer) and the responsibility each has in the spiritual growth process.
 - In what ways could understanding these differing roles and responsibilities affect your spiritual growth?
 - What might be some reasons God wants people relying on his power for service and ministry and not just their own power?
 - Can you think of an example in your own life that has been helpful in reminding you of your need to rely on God's power?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁴⁵ The **Scriptures** tell us, "The **first** man, **Adam**, became a living person." But the **last Adam**—that is, **Christ**—is a life-giving **Spirit**. What **comes first** is the **natural body**, then the **spiritual body comes later**. **Adam**, the **first** man, was **made** from the **dust** of the **earth**, while **Christ**, the **second** man, **came** from **heaven**. **Earthly people** are **like** the **earthly** man, and **heavenly people** are **like** the **heavenly** man. **Just** as we are now **like** the **earthly** man, we will **someday** be **like** the **heavenly** man.

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- In **Romans 5 (v. 9, 10, 15, 17)** Paul says things like "*how much more shall we be saved through his life.*" His "**much more's**" are Paul's way of saying that the life we have in Christ isn't merely forgiven—it's overflowing. We don't just escape sin's penalty; we're invited into God's very life and power. How do you see that kind of life reflected in the following quote by Bible translator, J.B. Phillips?

"The great difference between present-day Christianity and that of which we read in these [New Testament] letters, is that to us, it is primarily a performance; to them it was a real experience. We are apt to reduce the Christian religion to a code or, at best, a rule of heart and life. To these men it is quite plainly the invasion of their lives by a new quality of life together. They do not hesitate to describe this as Christ living in them. We are practically driven to accept their own explanation, which is that their little human lives had, through Christ, been linked up with the very life of God."

- Which statements in **Galatians 5:16-26** expand your understanding of what the "how much more" life could look like?

- John 15** gives us a great picture of what it means to stay connected to Jesus because the power to live an abundant life comes from him. The challenge is to stay connected consistently. What help do the following verses offer us for staying connected in our relationship with Jesus?

Psalm 139:23-24 James 4:17 Matthew 5:23-24 Romans 12:18

- Can you think of anything from these verses that you could start or stop doing to help you stay consistently connected to Jesus?

Taking it Home

- Looking back over this week's sermon and homework, what's the most important thing for you to remember?

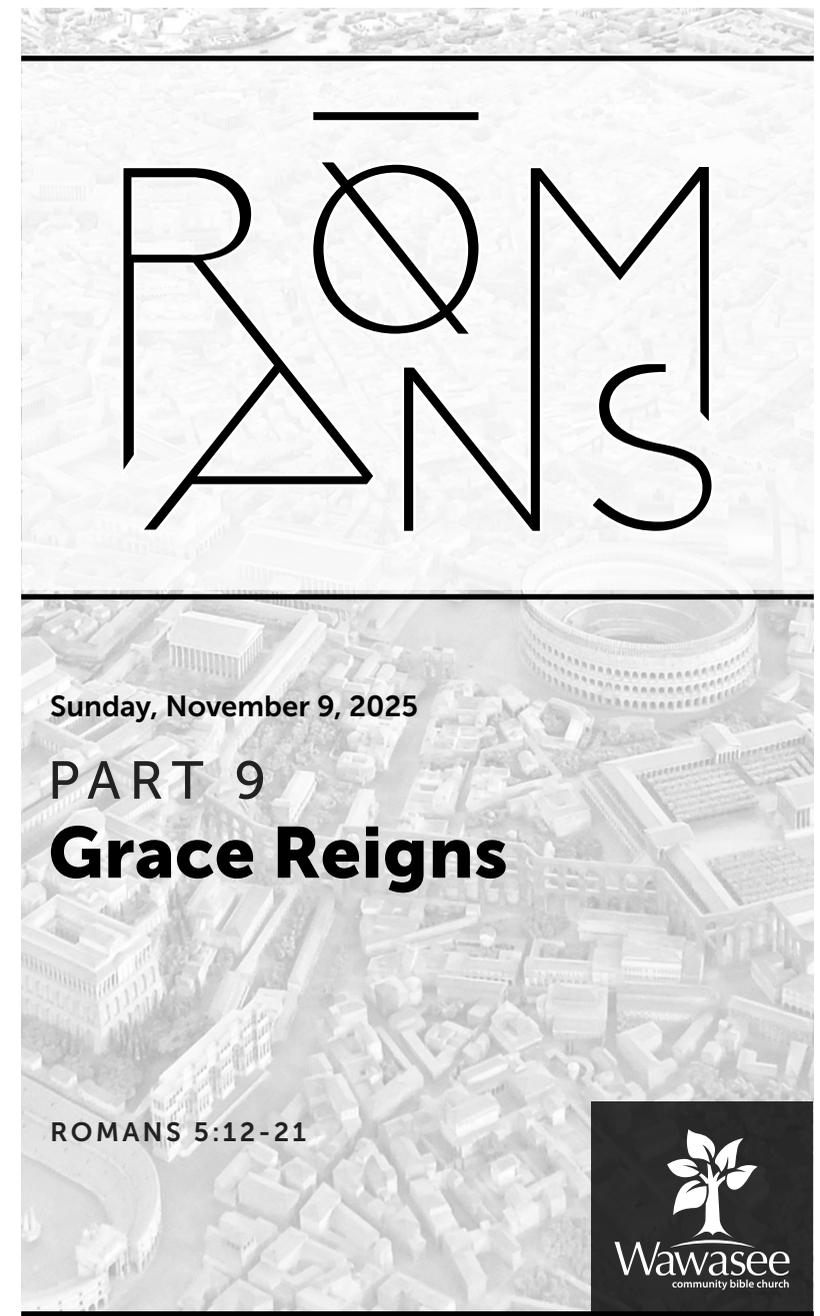
As you close, take time to pray with and for one another.

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