

# LIFE MADE NEW

*A Self-Study on Excerpts from  
the Book of Romans*

## LESSON 4

*"A Cause to Rejoice"*

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3. In Romans 5:15-17, Paul uses the word “gift” five times in portraying the mercy found in Jesus Christ. How does the fact that salvation is a gift from God affect your attitude towards Him?

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4. How should it have an impact on how we relate to people?

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*Digging Deeper*

Read Matthew 7:9-11. Note the phrase “how much more,” which is also repeated three times in Romans 5.

5. What do you learn about God’s nature when you see Jesus as a personal being who loves you and longs to have a relationship with you?

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Key Word: “Therefore.” Whenever you see in the Bible the word “therefore” ask yourself this question, “What is it there for?” It is referring to some important point a speaker or writer has just made. As Romans 5 begins, Paul pauses after his magnificent explanation of justification by faith and says “therefore.” In other words, here is what it means to the one who is made right by God through faith in Jesus Christ.

As you begin reading this section, you will be entering into a very rich portion of God’s Word. Romans 5-8 contain some of the most powerful truths in Scripture. The core of God’s good news can be found in the four goldmine chapters. The counselor David Stoop gives this advice to many of his clients, especially those who struggle with perfectionism:

I often ask people I counsel to read chapters 5 through 8 of Romans at one sitting, once a day for thirty days. It seems to be a common experience that if individuals do something once a day for thirty days, it becomes a part of them. If perfectionists can get all four chapters to become a part of them, they will have taken giant steps in the process of redefining God.

Key Phrase: “How Much More”

This phrase is found four times in Romans 5. The sin in our life is powerful. But how much more does God’s love in Christ overflow in the life of those who put their trust in the crucified and risen Savior.

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

“One man, one sin, and the death of all. One man, one act of righteousness, and life for all who are spiritually related to Him (Christ).”

- K.C. Moser

Wise Reflections

“In the book of Romans the apostle Paul went to great lengths to show that righteousness is a gift of God. He used the term thirty-five times in that epistle and each time struck home the fact that righteousness is unattained and unattainable through human effort. That teaching, of course, is found not only in Romans but throughout Scripture and stands as one of the cornerstones of the Christian faith.”

- Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*

Reflection Questions

- 1. Go back over Romans 5:1-11. List five key words or phrases that portray the blessings that a believer in Jesus experiences. (Example: peace with God - verse 1)

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- 2. Paul says that when Christ died for us, we were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:6).
3. In Romans 5:6 we can see that Christ died for us because of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
4. As amazing as it seems, Romans 5:10 teaches us that believers are reconciled (brought back to God) while they are God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
5. This word is repeated five times in Romans 5:15-17 and describes God’s grace in contrast to our sin: \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6. What did Adam bring into the world and pass on to all those who lived after him? \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:12).
7. When we become justified through faith in Jesus Christ, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Romans 5:1); we have gained access in our sufferings (Romans 5:3); God has poured out His \_\_\_\_\_ into our hearts by the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit (Romans 5:5).

Discussion Questions

- 1. In Romans 5:3, Paul says that as Christians we can “rejoice in our sufferings.” How does the hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus help us find joy in the midst of our struggles? (Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and James 1:2-5 for help with this answer.)

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- 2. Read Romans 5:5-8 again. What stands out in your mind as Paul describes God’s amazing grace?

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