

RECEIVING GRACE TO REIGN THROUGH JESUS

PART 3 KING OF KINGS

Romans 5:17 BLB **SLIDE**

*For if, by the trespass of the one [Adam], **death reigned through the one [Adam]**, how much more will those receiving the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.***

IN CHRIST, WE ARE NO LONGER WHO WE USED TO BE IN ADAM!

*You are **NO LONGER** the failure you used to be.*

*You are **NO LONGER** the angry person you used to be; etc.*

NOW, IN CHRIST, WE ALSO HAVE A NEW DESIGNATION

- **NOW IN CHRIST** I am no longer the sinner I used to be in Adam ...
Now **I AM A SAINT**
(Paul writes to 'The Saints' of the churches in Rome, Corinth, Philippi, Ephesus, Colossi, etc ... calling them '**SAINTS**')
- **NOW IN CHRIST** I am no longer a slave or servant as I was in Adam ...
I AM NOW A SON (Galatians 4:7)
- **NOW IN CHRIST** I am No Longer a foreigner to God's country
I AM A CITIZEN and a member of His Household (Ephesians 2:19)

SLIDE SO TO REITERATE: NOW IN CHRIST WE ARE CHANGED ...

- FROM SINNERS TO SAINTS
- FROM SERVANTS TO SONS
- FROM FOREIGNERS TO CITIZENS

SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WE ARE NOT JUST SUBJECTS OF THE KING ... WE ARE BORN AGAIN OF HIS ROYAL LINE & **WE OURSELVES ARE 'KINGS' –**

AND AS KINGS WE REIGN

Revelation 1:6 NKJV **SLIDE**

*[Jesus Christ] has made us **kings** and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever ...*

Revelation 5:10 NKJV **SLIDE**

*And have made **us kings** and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.*

Kings = basileus = royalty. It's the same word on both verses ...

THE KINGS OF THE KING

NB: We are told, JESUS RULES OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. But He is NOT the King of earthly kings ... of so many vile, corrupt and depraved kings that have ruled in different lands.

HE IS THEIR JUDGE.

THEY ARE NOT HIS 'KINGS' UNLESS THEY ARE BORN OF HIS FATHER.

So what 'kings' is Jesus The King of?

WE ARE THE KINGS HE IS KING OF.

WE ARE ROYALTY AS WE ARE SPIRITUALLY BORN FROM HIS ROYAL LINE.

We have the same nature as The Eternal Majesty – He is our Father.

We now have a royal nature.

JESUS REIGNS IN THE KINGDOM OF LIFE

Romans 5:17 BLB

*By the trespass of the one [Adam], **death reigned through the one [Adam]** ... **life through the one, Jesus Christ.***

SLIDE CAN YOU SEE THE CONTRAST

DEATH THROUGH ADAM / **LIFE THROUGH CHRIST**

WE WERE BORN AS BABIES INTO ADAM'S DEATH REALM .

WE ARE BORN AGAIN AS BELIEVERS INTO JESUS' LIFE REALM.

John 3:5 NLT

*Jesus replied, 'I assure you, no one can **enter the Kingdom of God** without being **born of water and the Spirit.**'*

This is natural birth (born of water) and spiritual birth or regeneration.

WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN **WE ARE TRANSFERRED** FROM THE KINGDOM OF DEATH INTO THE KINGDOM OF LIFE

WE ARE TRANSFERRED INTO A NEW REALM

Colossians 1:13 ESV **SLIDE**

*He has delivered us from **the domain of darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

1 Peter 2:9 NIV **SLIDE**

*You are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you **out of darkness into his wonderful light**.*

➤ **THIS IS THE REALM OF CHRIST'S LIFE**

**WE HAVE ENTERED INTO THE REALM OF LIFE.
AND IT'S IN THE REALM OF LIFE THAT WE REIGN
AS OUR TEXT STATES**

'Life' is represented as the glorious territory or atmosphere of that reign. (Jamieson F Brown)

➤ **THIS IS THE REALM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE & JOY IN
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Romans 14:17 NKJV

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**EVERY BORN AGAIN BELIEVER HAS ALREADY ENTERED INTO
THIS REALM.**

➤ **THIS IS THE REALM OF ABUNDANT GRACE**

Romans 5:17 BLB **SLIDE**

*... How much more will those receiving **the abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life** through the one Jesus Christ.*

**ABUNDANT GRACE IS HERE FOR YOU AND ME
MORE GRACE THAN YOU COULD EVER CONTAIN OR USE**

*But you say, 'I have already received His grace when I was saved!'
Yes it is true –*

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV

For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

THIS IS 'SAVING GRACE'

BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, 'ABUNDANT GRACE' OR ONGOING GRACE!

- **SLIDE** THERE IS SAVING GRACE
- AND THERE IS ONGOING OR ABUNDANT GRACE

THE GRACE OF SALVATION WAS NOT THE END OF GOD'S GRACE FOR US ... **BUT JUST THE BEGINNING OF GRACE.**

NOW THERE IS EVER FLOWING GRACE ... DAILY GRACE

If Grace ended with our salvation then Paul was confused when in just about every Epistle he says, 'The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,' or 'Grace be multiplied to you.'

John 1:16 BLB

*For from His fullness, we have all received and **grace upon grace.***

**SO HERE WE READ, THIS SUPER-ABUNDANT GRACE
IS AVAILABLE FOR US DAY BY DAY AND ...**

**RECEIVING THIS GRACE GIVES US
THE AUTHORITY TO REIGN IN THE REALM OF LIFE ...**

**BY THIS ABUNDANT GRACE WE BEGIN TO REIGN OVER ALL
NEGATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES**

ONGOING GRACE PROVIDES ALL WE NEED

Grace protects us from evil ... Grace keeps us ... Grace empowers us ... and Grace causes us to reign in life through Jesus Christ.

There is no negative situation you might encounter in the world-outside that God has not already given the abundant grace to enable you to reign over it.

**SO WHY DO SO MANY OF US STILL NOT REIGN OVER OUR
CIRCUMSTANCES?**

THERE ARE **2** MAJOR REASONS
THE FIRST REASON WE DO NOT REIGN IS ...

**1. WE DO NOT DWELL IN THIS PLACE OF ABUNDANT
GRACE**

Romans 5:17 CLV **SLIDE**

... How much more **through the one, Jesus Christ** will those receiving the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life.**

IN CONTEXT, THIS IS SAYING THAT JESUS CHRIST IS OUR FEDERAL HEAD' JUST AS ADAM USED TO BE.

SO NOW UNDER THE 'HEADSHIP' OF JESUS CHRIST WE REIGN

SLIDE

IT IS BY DWELLING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING THAT GRACE FLOWS

**THIS IS THE PLACE OF ONGOING GRACE –
UNDER CHRIST'S REIGN & HEADSHIP**

**THIS KING SITS UPON THE THRONE OF GRACE
FROM WHERE GRACE FLOWS IN ABUNDANCE (Hebrews 4:16)**

**ITS HERE IN THIS PLACE OF ABUNDANT GRACE WE BEGIN TO
REIGN IN HIS LIFE**

*Until recently, I thought that where we are instructed to 'come boldly to The Throne of Grace' (Hebrews 4:16 - we mentioned this last week) **we went in and out** – that it was a place for me to visit when I needed something, and that after I had what I needed, I'd go back out to my 'normal' life in this world.*

It appears to be saying that! Let's read it.

Hebrews 4:16 NKJV **SLIDE**

*Let us therefore **come** boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

However, the writer of 'Hebrews' is speaking to New Believers who have been struggling with Old Testament Law and Jewish tradition.

And he is not saying come in when you have a need and leave when you've got what you need.

THE WRITER IS SAYING, 'COME AND LIVE HERE IN THIS PLACE OF GRACE UNDER THE THRONE OF THE KING OF GRACE.'

**YOU NEVER NEED TO LEAVE
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO 'LIVE' HERE
AS PSALM 91 TELLS US ...**

Psalm 91:1 NKJV **SLIDE**

He (or she) who dwells (lives) in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

THE SECOND REASON WE DO NOT REIGN IS ...

2. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO RECEIVE THIS ABUNDANT GRACE ...

Romans 5:17 BLB **SLIDE**

*... How much more will those **receiving** the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **reign in life** through the one, Jesus Christ.*

NB: Receiving = Present Participle which means it is something happening now.

SO THIS IS TELLING US ...

IT IS **RECEIVING** GRACE & RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT CAUSES US TO **REIGN IN THE REALM OF LIFE.**

REIGNING IS BY **RECEIVING** ONGOING GRACE.

This does not say, '*How much more will those living a godly life reign in life.*'

It does not say, 'How much more will those who fast and pray long and hard reign in life.'

It does not say, 'How much more will those who are doing good works reign in life.'

[Regarding Reigning] ~~It's an ability given to us by faith, prayer and full communion with Jesus Christ, our Saviour.~~ (Principles for living in God's Favour)

- Like it's something we have to DO. Not so!

THIS DOES SAY, 'HOW MUCH MORE WILL THOSE **RECEIVING ABUNDANT GRACE REIGN IN THIS REALM OF LIFE' – OVER ALL THEIR NEGATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

PROBLEM IS: PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND GOD'S GRACE OR HOW TO RECEIVE IT.

ABUNDANT GRACE IS HERE BUT HOW DO WE RECEIVE IT?

SLIDE YOU CANNOT RECEIVE GRACE WHILE YOUR HANDS ARE FULL ... **YOU MUST BE EMPTY HANDED.**

YOU CANNOT RECEIVE THE HELP OF GRACE WHEN YOU ARE IN CHARGE AND HANDLING IT ALL

GRACE WON'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU WHILE YOU ARE DOING IT FOR YOURSELF.

WHAT IS GRACE? THIS IS GRACE!

Isaiah 40:29 NIV **SLIDE**

*He gives strength to **the weary** and increases the power of **the weak**.*

YOU WILL NEVER TRIUMPH IN LIFE UNLESS YOU ARE WEAK ENOUGH TO RECEIVE HIS STRENGTH.

YOU WILL NEVER REIGN IN LIFE UNLESS YOU ARE LOWLY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE HIS CROWN.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV **SLIDE**

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Isaiah 61:3 NIV

[To give to all] those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.

THIS IS GRACE

The moment we try and do the work we negate Grace.

Whoever came up with the erroneous quote, 'God helps those who help themselves' was an anti-gracer.

Truth is: God helps those who can't help themselves –

THIS IS GRACE

SLIDE THE FIRST RULE OF RECEIVING GRACE IS NEED

- **WHEN YOU STOP DENYING YOUR NEED & ACCEPT IT, THEN YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR GRACE**
- **WHEN YOU STOP FIGHTING YOUR NEED AND SAY, I CAN'T WIN THIS BATTLE, THEN YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR GRACE**

- **WHEN YOU STOP TRYING TO FIX YOUR NEED & SAY, I CANNOT DO THIS, THEN YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR GRACE**

GRACE ONLY WORKS WHEN WE STOP WORKING!

*As long as you are working at your own righteousness – your success – your survival ... **YOU WILL NOT BE RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE.***

YOU WILL NOT BE REIGNING BY ABUNDANT GRACE

GRACE ONLY WORKS WHEN WE STOP WORKING!

ALL GRACE IS UNDESERVED.

CONCLUDING:

THE KEY TO REIGNING IS ...

- **DWELLING UNDER HIS THRONE OF GRACE**
 - **RECEIVING HIS GRACE**

RECEIVING IS EXPERIENCING GRACE IN MY LIFE HERE & NOW

TO BE CONTINUED ...