

#### 4. Romans 5:12-21 and particularly verses 18-19

NKJV "...<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

##### OJ Proponents:

"God has accepted the vicarious offering and sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, in whom therefore God is propitiated and reconciled with all sinners, so that for Christ's sake God's wrath against all sinners has been and remains stilled, and Satan, sin, death, and hell have been and are conquered. (Rom. 5:18; Col. 2:14-15; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 7:27, 10:12; 1 John 2:2; AC III, 3; Ap XXIV, 22-24; FC SD XI, 28)" (LCMS Theses on Justification, 20).

##### Scriptural Interpretation:

In the original Greek of Romans 5:18, there are no verbs, only St. Paul's comparison of phrases. Here is a diagram with only the Greek words compiled in phrases.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as	even so (ὥσπερ, <i>hosper</i> )
through one man's offense	through one Man's righteous act
to/for (εἰς) all men	to/for (εἰς) all men
to/for (εἰς) condemnation	to/for (εἰς) justification of life.

The implied "came" is not original. The compared likeness is between Adam/sinners and Christ/righteousness(justified ones=believer). Adam's offense came to all men through original sin resulting in condemnation (for those not brought to faith). Christ's righteousness came to all men through the means of grace with the result of being declared righteous and having eternal life for all who believe. If St. Paul had meant justification for all, then all would have the LIFE of justification. If St. Paul intended to speak of a past act of universal justification, he would have used a past tense verb in verse 19 instead of the future saying, "will be made righteous."

**FC SD III 12]** Therefore it is considered and understood to be the same thing when Paul says that we are *justified by faith*, Rom. 3, 28, or that *faith is counted to us for righteousness*, Rom. 4, 5, and when he says that we are *made righteous by the obedience of One*, Rom. 5, 19, or that by *the righteousness of One justification of faith came to all men*, Rom. 5, 18. **13]** For faith justifies, not for this cause and reason that it is so good a work and so fair a virtue, but because it lays hold of and accepts the merit of Christ in the promise of the holy Gospel; for this must be applied and appropriated to us by faith, if we are to be justified thereby."

Romans 5:12-21

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## Romans 5:1-11

- 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith...  
we have peace with God...
- 2 through whom also we have access by faith  
into this grace in which we stand...
- 6 ... Christ died for the ungodly
- 8 ... in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
- 9 having now been justified ————— we shall be saved  
from wrath
- 10 if when we were enemies, we were reconciled ————— we shall be saved  
by His life
- 11 And not only that but we also rejoice  
in God through our Lord Jesus Christ  
through whom we have now received  
the reconciliation.

# Romans 5:12-21

5:6-11 presents "the free gift" which is  
now compared and contrasted with "the offense"  
5:12-14

Verses 12-14  
"offense"

By Adam's offense

Sin entered the world

Resulting in  
death to all men

Verses 1-11  
"gift"

By Christ's death (atonement)

Salvation / Justification  
through faith

Resulting in  
peace and hope

v.15 Free gift is NOT like the offense  
by one man's offense  
the many  
died

by the one Man-Jesus  
the grace of God  
gift of grace  
abounded  
to the many

v.16 the gift is NOT like...

For  
the judgment  
from one offense  
unto condemnation

But  
the free gift  
unto many offenses  
unto justification

v.17

For \_\_\_\_\_ much more  
by the one man's \_\_\_\_\_  
offense \_\_\_\_\_ those who receive  
death \_\_\_\_\_ abundance of grace and  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the gift of righteousness  
reigned \_\_\_\_\_ will reign  
through the one \_\_\_\_\_ through the One,  
Jesus Christ



# Romans 5:18-19 in columns

18

Therefore as \_\_\_\_\_ even so

through one  
man's offense \_\_\_\_\_ through one  
Man's righteous act

to/for all men \_\_\_\_\_ to/for all men  
εἰς εἰς

to/for condemnation \_\_\_\_\_ to/for justification of life  
εἰς εἰς

19

For as \_\_\_\_\_ so also

by one man's disobedience \_\_\_\_\_ by one Man's obedience

many \_\_\_\_\_ many

were made \_\_\_\_\_ will be made

sinners \_\_\_\_\_ righteous.

v.20

so that as ——— even so

sin reigned ——— grace might reign

in death ——— through righteousness  
to eternal life

through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.



# Romans 5:1-21

1Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

## V1. access by faith into this grace in which we stand

6For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

v.8 If God's graciousness was shown to us in the Atonement before we came to faith, "much more"=of course, after having been justified by faith in Christ, he will save us from God's wrath (Rom 2:5)

10For if when we were enemies we were reconciled (κατηλλάγημεν) to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled (καταλλαγέντες), we shall be saved by His life. 11And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation (τὴν καταλλαγὴν).

God did the work of reconciling us—by means of Christ's death(atoning for sin). And then through faith we received "the reconciliation" and then it could be said of us "having been reconciled." If God provided both atonement and justification (with the result that we are changed into people who are no longer at enmity with God), "much more"=of course having been brought to faith, we shall be saved by His life (active obedience) and... "not only that" (v.11) we rejoice in God (something enemies don't do)

--The reconciliation is not that God's righteous anger against sin needs to be changed. Unlike the heathen use of the term reconciliation, in which a god needs to be appeased (changed), the Triune God doesn't need to be changed. We needed to be changed from our sinfulness to righteousness (through faith in the atonement of Christ). And thus God will save us from God's wrath.

The status of believers, before faith	Atonement	Justification	Benefits
		{v.1 having been <u>justified by faith</u> ...}	
v. 6 "when we were still without strength"	v.6 in due time Christ died for the ungodly		
v.8 "while we were still sinners"	v. 8 God demonstrates His own love toward us... Christ died for us	v.9 having now been justified by His blood,	we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
v.10 "when we were enemies"		v.10 we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son much more, having been reconciled,  ...through whom we have now received the reconciliation.	...we shall be saved by His life. 11And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

v. 6 Christ died for the ungodly v.8 Christ died for us. The subject is God! The work, the atonement.

v.8 God's gracious love for all sinners, caused the atonement, AND saved men from wrath though (faith in) Jesus' atonement

v. 9 Justified by His blood, we shall be saved(future: on the Last Day) from wrath through(faith) in Him

v. 10 while still enemies (our sinful behavior toward God) -Man's condition before God's action

Past Tense – a completed act; While we were enemies, God reconciled us(gave us faith), so that through faith we are not enemies toward him, but are saved and are rejoicing in him.

"having been reconciled"="coming to faith" and we shall be saved(future: on the Last Day-Rom 2:5).

v.11 believers rejoice in "having received (by faith) the reconciliation." Sounds like 2 Cor 5:19-21.