

Series: The Ticket: Imputed Righteousness
Message: The Law – Our Friend, But Inept To Save
Scripture: Romans 5: 13-17, 20-21
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1. Sin Can Be Present Without The Existence Of "The Law". vs. 13-14

Romans 5:13-14

¹³ *for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

¹⁴ *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

2. There Is Much To Be Learned About The Wonder Of God's Grace By Contrasting The Free Gift Resulting From Christ's Death And The Judgment Resulting From Adam's Sin. vs. 15-17

Romans 5:15-17

¹⁵ *But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.*

¹⁶ *The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.*

¹⁷ *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

1) The Contrast Of Motive

- Adam's deed – one of self-will
- Christ's deed – one of self-sacrifice

2) The Contrast Of Effect

- The effect of Adam's deed – condemnation and death
- The effect of Christ's deed – justification and life

3. The Law Was Given To Show Us Our Need For Grace. Vs. 20-21

Romans 5:20

²⁰ *The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,*

Galatians 3:19

¹⁹ *Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.*

Romans 5:21

²¹ *so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The three-fold use of the Law of God

- 1) To be a mirror
- 2) To restrain evil
- 3) To reveal what is pleasing to God

Two Implications From Our Text

1. Those Who Receive God's Gift Of Righteousness, "Reign In Life"

Romans 5:17

¹⁷ *For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 2:5-6

⁵ *even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

⁶ *and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

2. After Receiving God's Gift Of Righteousness, The "Reign Of Grace" Can Never Be Discontinued.

Romans 5:20-21

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²¹ *so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 10:28

²⁸ *and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

Romans 8:37-39

³⁷ *But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,*

³⁹ *nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*