**“The Righteous Reign of Grace!”**

**(Romans 5:18-21)**

**In spite of the awful consequences of Adam’s sin for all mankind, we have the wonderful opportunity through Jesus to be the beneficiaries of…**

 **I. The Righteousness of Christ (18-19)**

* **From Condemnation to Justification (18)**

*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to*

 *condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all*

 *men unto justification of life.*

* **From Sinners to Saints (19)**

*For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the*

*obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

 **II. The Reign of Grace (20-21)**

* **Purpose of Law (20a)**

*Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound...*

* **Power of Grace (20b-21)**

*But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s study that was the most interesting or**

 **challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. How was the Devil’s temptation similar for both Adam and Jesus**

 **(Genesis 3:1-6; Matthew 4:1-10)? How were their responses to the**

 **temptation different? What are some practical ways that can help us**

 **to resist temptations to sin?**

**3. What does it mean in Romans 5:19 that we “were made sinners” and**

 **that “we shall be made righteous?” What difference do these truths**

 **make in how we should live?**

**4. Read and discuss Romans 5:20-21. Someone may reason, “Since grace**

 **is far greater than sin, I’m not going to be concerned about living a holy**

 **life.” How would you respond to this thinking? What does a person**

 **“look like” who is truly letting grace reign in his/her life?**

**For Small Group Prayer**

**Divide up the list of our missionaries and make sure each one is included in**

**prayer.**

 *(Cadys, Garcineses, Huckels, Logsdons, Jenkins, Fullers, Samuels, Woosters,*

 *Ringelbergs, Normans, Benners, Maungos, and Littles)*

**Digging Deeper**

**Romans 5:19 talks about Christ’s sacrifice as His “obedience.” How is Philippians 2:8 an example of obedience for you to follow? John 8:29? Hebrews 5:8? Note the theme of obedience throughout Romans (1:5; 6:16-17; 10:16; and 16:26).**

**Compare Romans 5:20-21 with 6:12-14. Write out Romans 6:12-14 in your**

**own words and prayerfully ask God to help you live these verses.**

**For Next Week**

**Refer to the above list of missionaries and pray for each of them by name.**

**Sincerely ask God to burden your heart for these servants and ask him for**

**wisdom in deciding on your $$ commitment for Faith Promise Sunday next**

**week, October 29.**