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No Judgment for the Bride

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165 All right. In **Genesis 1**, remember, **every seed after its kind**. It must forever be that way. There's all those types. A man who would say, could believe, that the church will go through a tribulation period, I wonder where you'd ever get a seed for that? When even... "Well," you say, "I believe it says this that they'll do..." That's all right. Did you notice back yonder where the rains fell on the other time? Where did it fall? Noah was in the ark before the judgment struck. Sodom: Lot was out of Sodom before it ever taken place. See? That's... Sure, we're, **we ain't going through no tribulation period; we're going in a rapture one of these days. Certainly.** What do we, Why do you have to be judged? **He stood my tribulation: Jesus Christ. There's where my tribulation taken place right there, yeah.** I accepted Him, and free... "When I see the blood I'll pass over you." That's right. Moses was safe, safely protected with Israel while the tribulation fell. That's right.

Romans 5:5 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.* (Before we go any further, what is this hope? What does the word hope mean? It means to earnestly expect. It is an earnest expectation. That is what hope is. The if I am earnestly, which means that I am deadly sincere about this expectation, then I will not waver one jot or tittle concerning what I expect to happen. Therefore, if I am certain then how could I be ashamed. The Scripture tells us, And hope maketh not ashamed ; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us . And how is the Love of God poured out into our hearts?

Let's look at God's Love and let's see how God sheds His love upon us, or more precisely how God pours out His love into our hearts which we receive by the Holy Ghost. Now to understand this first we must break down this thought into to parts. Namely what is this Love, or at least how does God manifest this Love to us. And number 2, why does God use the Holy Ghost to do the pouring out into our hearts.

Now, first of all, let's look at what this Love is. The word for Love here is the Word Agape which is a benevolent sort of Love that God has for only certain people. Jesus tells us in St. **John 15:13**, *"Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"*. Therefore, from God's own Word we can see that the greatest expression of Love is to lay down one's own Life for a friend. Now, then this would have to hold true then for God Himself. We know that Jesus laid down His own Life for you and me. But what About God? If God Loved you and me, then would He not have to do the same? Then we can see that this Love of God that is she abroad is God's Love that has been poured out. In other words, it is God's own Life that is poured out into our hearts. Now, let's see if this is True according to the Scripture. Can any one tell me the scripture that speaks of God's love being so great that He gives you and me His own Life?

1 John 3: 1 Let's read it carefully. Now this is said in a question format. It says, *what sort of Love is this that the Father hath bestowed upon us?* Now what do we mean by saying that the Father bestowed upon us. What does the word bestow mean? It comes from a Greek word DIDOMI which means "*To give forth from one's self.*" And what is the greatest thing that God could give us, as our Father He could give or pass onto His Sons one thing that is greater than all? And we will find this in **John 5:26**.

John 5:26 *For as the Father hath Life in Himself; so hath He given to the Son, to have Life in Himself;* Now, I know this speaks of the Father and Son, but if God has a way of doing things for one, He must do it for all who come the same way, for He is not a respecter of persons. Then if God has other sons, beside the Only Begotten of the Father, then if God gave Him the same Life that was in the Father, then God as a Father must give His life to His other sons in the same manner.

1 John 3:1 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Therefore we see the sort of *Love that the Father hath bestowed upon us is that we are called sons*. And we could not be called sons without being sons, or it would be a lie, and God can not lie. So, let's go back and read **1 John 3:1-2** again, and then we see In verse **3** our response to this Love of God which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Now, this brings us back to **Romans 5** again. **Romans 5:5** *And hope maketh not ashamed;* And what we earnestly expect we are not ashamed of, Why? *because the love of God, the very Life of God, is shed abroad, or poured out into our hearts,* How? *by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.* And what is the Holy Ghost which is given to us? It is the spirit of the Living God. God's own Spirit and Life.

Now, Paul explains how God did this in the next few verses. *6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* Now, why was it so important that Christ had to die? Because in Christ had been placed the fullness of the Godhood bodily. Everything that God was He had placed in His Son, Jesus. Then God Himself had stepped into His Son to manifest Himself to mankind. Then God had to leave His Son in order that His Son might be able to die. And when He did die, the Life was released from that Body and you and I are the recipients of that Life being allowed to flow to the earth through the pouring out of His blood, and the seeds of life that God had placed in the earth were watered by that blood that flowed forth from Calvary bringing forth the Life that was in the blood into each predestined seed. Not only did it carry the life into the seed, but His death also justified the seed, thus saving it.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. And thus we are saved from wrath as we pointed out last week which is the judgments of God expressed upon the earth. We are saved from these judgments which are in the earth through Him. God can not destroy His own? And since His life has entered into the predestined seeds through the blood of His Son, then God can no more destroy His own offspring, than nothing. He just could not do it and be a just God. Therefore, He has made the way for yours and my rescue from the judgments. *10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.* And notice that it is His very own Life that saves us. *11 And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

Now, in the next few verses Paul tells us more specifically how this all came about. In verse **12** He says, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* Now, what does He mean by this? How did sin and thus death enter into the world by one man? God had told Adam not to touch it nor eat it least He die, for in the day you eat thereof that's the day you will surely perish. And Adam, partook of the act with Eve, and thus children were born into this world via the sex act and thus through the life that was in Adam, as it was placed into Eve, it eventually was mingled with the serpents life 6 generations later in the days of Noah.

Gen 6:4-10 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now, here we see that Noah was the last man that was genetically a son of God. Notice that the sons of God saw the daughters of man and they mixed the seed, and then we see the illustration of Noah. Now, Paul said in verse **12**, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned* *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 to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification.*

Now, here it is....I want you to get this... *for the judgment [was] by one to condemnation...* in other words, the judgment was death which came from one act in the garden, the day you eat thereof is the day you die....*17 For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more*

they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. In other words, whereas through Adam and his transgression with Eve, everyone born in this earth was condemned to die, but through Jesus Christ and His one act of selflessness, shall we reign in Life....

Now, what does Paul mean here by saying that For if by one man's offense death reigned by one, And then he says, much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Now if you are paying attention, Paul says that by the offense of one death reigned, and then he says by the gift of the other life shall reign... What does this word reign suggest to us? It comes from a Greek word, *basileou* which means "**to exercise the highest influence and control.**" Therefore, by one man's actions, a life took over in man that exercised a supreme influence and control over man, and it was not until the stinger was pulled out on Calvary that the free Gift of God, His own Life could come in and take over and thus exercise a far more supreme influence and control in our lives. "**For greater is He that is in you and he that is in the world.**"

Ephesians 2:1-10 *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Colossians 2:13-15 *13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

Now, what we are talking about is the body of this death... and Paul also spoke of our dying out to this flesh in **Gal 2: 18-21** *18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

Notice especially verse 18. *If I build again the things which I have destroyed, I make myself a transgressor...* Now what does he mean I become a transgressor....

James 2:11 *For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.*

To do part of the Word or accept part of the Word without accepting it all is to transgress the entire Word. The Word used for transgressor comes from the root word to transgress which we find in **2 John 1:9** *9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

This word transgress here means *to go beyond the limits*... That's what trespassing is all about. There are boundaries which God has laid out, and going beyond those boundaries shows what is in our spirit. To hope that God has some loopholes is to be looking for a means of escape. Webster says *a Loophole is a means of escape or a means of evading an obligation or enforcement of the law.* Therefore, if we are looking for any loopholes in God's Word, we are looking to the Law. For a loophole is a legal idea in which one can hope to get around the law, or evade the law by finding something wrong with the law. Now, if you are the word how could you wish to get around what it says? Huh? *As a man thinketh in his heart so is he, and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.* That's scripture brother! So if you try to run from the Word then you are not one with that Word.

It's sort of like looking for errors in the law. And those who would look for loopholes in God's Word don't understand God. There is no way of escape except in Christ, and He is the Word. We should not look to see how close we can come to sin without crossing over, but we should run as far away from sin as we can and avoid totally the appearance of evil. Look, why would you try to get as close to the edge as you can. Why not stay as far from it. When I went mountain climbing at Machu Picchu I didn't get as close to the edge as I could, I hugged the cliff staying as far from the edge of those narrow Inca Paths as I could. I held my camera out so you could see the 3,000 foot drop, but as for me I stayed as close to the cliff wall as I could without actually hugging it. If I could have hugged it a few times, believe me I would have. I don't like heights.

Paul said, in **1Thess 5:21-24** *21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

if you prove all things, and hold fast to that which is right, (that which has been proven to be right, which means it has been vindicated) and then abstain from anything that would even appear to be evil, (and what does that mean? what does it mean to avoid the appearance of evil? It means anything which would be contrary to that which is vindicated) He said if you do this, *then the very God of Peace will sanctify you completely in your whole being, in your body, in your soul and in your spirit.*" And not only that but He will keep you blameless unto and into the Parousia of Jesus Christ...And then he says, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."

Then what do I need to do? Check it with the Word. If God says it, then believe it. If you don't understand why He said it, so what? I don't understand why He said many things, but I believe He said it because He means it. But know this, He said in **Philippians 3:15** "*Let us as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and If in anything, ye be otherwise minded, God will reveal even this unto you.*" Therefore, if you find it in the Bible and if you find it in the Message, then you had better hold fast to it, because in the mouth of 2 witnesses all things are established.

Now, in getting back to Romans 5, we read on at verse 18... *Therefore as by the offense 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. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Now, look then at Paul's next statement... 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

When I came into this message, I was willing and still am to change anything in my Life that is not pleasing to God. I was young, about 21 years old... I changed the way I wore my clothes, I changed the style of my hair, I changed the way I talked and the music I listened to, and the foods I ate, and the things I drank, and the way I looked at life and God's creation in life, I changed my life from 90% sports to being immersed in God's word day and night. Believe me, *I've been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I'm still living, yet it is no more the old man living, but the new man Christ that Liveth in me, and the Life I am now living, I live by the Faith of the Son of God who dies and gave His Life for me. Therefore, I shall not frustrate the grace of God....*

Brother Branham said, *"to live for Christ is not legalism, He said, I can do anything I want to do, but I only want to do is please Him."* Can you say the same, If you can't, then you need the same life in you, speaking through you that spoke through him. Now, you know according to the Book of Revelations we are coming close to the end-time, and there is coming a time when you will not be able to repent. Repent now, while you still have time. For He said in His Word, "He that is filthy will be filthy still, but He that is righteous will be righteous still. And we are soon approaching that time, when the depression is on it's way, and the atomic bombs will fall and the plagues will break out, and men will cry out for death....but the bride of Christ will be tucked away in safety.

John 5:24 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation;(that is the judgment) but is passed from death unto life.*

From his sermon, **Conflict Between God and Satan 62-0531 50** *There's no place where the church (the Bride) ever goes through the tribulation period. Christ's Blood in the fullness of the application of the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses all sin. And why do we have to be purged? We are purged daily. No tribulation... Listen. Listen what Jesus said in Saint **John 5:24**, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me has Everlasting Life, and shall not come to the judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." Amen.*

We have a promise of a rapture, not a tribulation. The promise of God for us in this day is a change of the body and a catching away. **1 Thessalonians 4:13** *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

He told us to comfort one another with these words. And what comfort is there in teaching a post tribulation rapture. The rapture has begun as far as William Branham is concerned. He taught us that The Lord God Himself does all three of these things, Shout Voice and Trumpet in His descent. We have already received the Shout which is the Message, we are awaiting the Voice of the resurrection, the same voice that raised Lazarus from the grave, and then the trump to go meet Him in the air.

God Hiding Himself in Simplicity 63- 117 *The church goes through the tribulation, but not the bride. The church goes through for purification, sure, under the sixth seal. Right. Israel does the same thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but not the bride. The bride's forgiven. She goes straight to glory in a rapture. That's right. She's... My opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn't know nothing about it. Remember, it's a secret, secret catching away. He'll come an hour that you think not. You won't know nothing about it; she'll be gone, be too late then. 118* You say, "I wish I would've stood." If you ever intended to make a stand, let this meeting in Albuquerque, let this be the time that you made the stand.

From his sermon **THE FIRST SEAL 63-0318 161-3 {301}** brother Branham said, "Notice, and when this Holy Spirit that we have, becomes incarnate to us, the One that's in our midst now in the form of the Holy Ghost, becomes incarnate to us in the Person of Jesus Christ, we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of Lords, That's right. See?"

And the Apostle Paul said in **1 Thessalonians 2: 19** *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

And why would the Parousia Presence of Christ be our hope and joy if we were to have to endure the hardships of the great tribulation.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Q & A on Genesis 53-0729 51-243** *When the tribulation strikes, the church goes up. Now, remember, just an ordinary church without the Holy Ghost goes through the tribulation period. It's only the elect that goes through. Now, look back in the Old Testament. When you see the plagues falling, they were in Egypt, wasn't they? And God was bringing His people out to the promised land. Is that right? And Israel never received one plague. Just as the plagues... Before it went, they went into Goshen. Is that right? And the sun never did dim out; no mosquitoes come; no frogs was there; no lice was*

there; no storms was there; no lightning was there; no killing of the cattle was there; and everything they had was preserved in Goshen. Is that right? It's a type of the church going just before the tribulation period. Jesus said, "**When these things begin to come to pass, lift up your head, your redemption is nigh.**" See? I'll go ahead and read It, said, "And man run and hid themselves and sought to kill themselves, and couldn't do it, and everything." **I believe that takes place just before the tribulation.** Now, watch, the tribulation comes. **When the tribulation strikes, the church goes up.** Now, remember, just an ordinary church without the Holy Ghost goes through the tribulation period.

Therefore, if I can leave just one thing for you tonight, I want you to lay on your face before God for yourself, your spouse, your children, because no one goes in that rapture without the Holy Ghost. For it is the Holy Ghost that has come down to deliver us, and He is more than willing to do it, if we will let Him. Why even Jesus when He entered into His hometown He could do no miracles because of their unbelief. And I tell you unbelief will hinder the work of God. So do not be those who try to manipulate the Word of God for your own purposes, just learn to let go and let God. Learn to be like Mary and say, "**Be it unto me according to Thy Word.**"

Again Br. Branham said from his sermon, **Taking Sides With Jesus 62-0601 755-55** Revelations it says one, two, three chapters to the church. The church goes up in the 4th chapter. **It does not return anymore till the 19th chapter; that's after the tribulation period when God calls out the Jews.** That's right. And like Enoch, he went up before one drop of rain ever hit the earth. He was gone, then the tribulation set in. See? Noah was in the ark before any tribulation set in. Lot was out of Sodom before any tribulation set in. See? And the church will be gone before any tribulation period. Now, during the tribulation that will be, **the sleeping virgin will be hunted down by the dragon** (spurts "**water from his mouth,**" which means "**multitudes and peoples, armies**") that'll search down and take this woman, remnant of her seed, and will kill her. Now, that will be in the tribulation period, but the church will go home. Now, if that would take place tomorrow, it wouldn't hinder us from just keeping on today. Let's make today count.

The First Seal 63-0318 129-1 And how can a man say that the Bride of Christ goes into the tribulation? I can't understand it. See? She's took away from the tribulation. If the Church has been judged, and they have judged themselves, and have accepted the Blood, how can God judge a man that's perfectly, totally sinless? You say, "**There's no such a person.**" Every born again believer, true believer, is perfectly, absolutely sinless before God. He's not trusting in his works. In the Blood of Jesus that his confession's dropped into... The Bible says so. See? "**He that is born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin.**" How can you make a man a sinner when the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ is between him and God, that would scatter sin till there'd be nothing left of it. See? How can that pure Blood of Christ ever let a sin pass there? He cannot. Jesus said, "**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.**" And how could we even start the thought of being perfect, but Jesus required it. And if Jesus required it, He's got to make a way for it; and He has: His own Blood.

Q& A 64-0823E 1033-174 *"Will the foolish virgin be saved." No. Whatever happens, happens now. Now, she will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in Its fullness. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the tribulation period.*

Token The 63-1128E 97 *Someone discussing that with me not long ago, said, "The church will have to go through for a purification." I said, "That is true, because she rejected the Blood." But if the tribulation period catches the Bride, His Own Wife, in the tribulation? No, sir. The Blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin, and there's no more purifying. And the Blood of Jesus Christ, and that Token, as identification that it has been purified (Amen.), that's the Token of the Bride wearing the ring.*

Hebrews 9:13 *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 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 to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 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. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*