

# THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

“Our passage this week is beautiful. Staying our minds on what is said here, having placed our faith in Christ for our salvation, we will feel the power of an endless life working in us as we understand our “justification”. For, when Adam and Eve sinned, having succumbed to the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life, Adam became the one man who brought forth death. Adam and Eve felt fear as they hid from God due to their unrighteousness. Shame and guilt followed. We can be thankful that God had a plan to deal with what Adam brought about. Our Lord Jesus is the answer.”—Pastor Matt

## Romans 5:12-21

### Death through Adam and Life through Christ

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>In fact, sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not charged to a person’s account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam’s transgression. He is a type of the Coming One. <sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if by the one man’s trespass the many died, how much more have the grace of God and the gift which comes through the grace of the one man Jesus Christ overflowed to the many. <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the one man’s sin, because from one sin came the judgment, resulting in condemnation, but from many trespasses came the gift, resulting in justification. <sup>17</sup>If by the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone. <sup>19</sup>For just as through one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>The law came along to multiply the trespass. But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more <sup>21</sup>so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. What insights does this text provide about me?
2. What insights does this text provide about God?
3. What action/response does this text motivate me to take?
4. What can we thank God for as we pray together?