

However, perhaps a highlight or two should be noted. In verse 15 “the gift” is mentioned. Also in verse 15 we find “the gift that came bygrace.” In verse 16 we read of “the gift of God,” and “the gift [that] brought justification.” And in verse 17 we read of “the gift of righteousness.”

However, although this gift comes from God’s grace (verse 17- “God’s abundant provision of grace”) and by the grace of Jesus Christ (verse 15- “the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ”) nevertheless it needs to be stressed that this gracious gift is possible only because of Christ’s act of righteousness in dying a death of perfect expiation of the guilt and penalty of the broken Law of God, and because of Christ’s obedience in living a life of perfect fulfillment of the requirements of the Law of God.

Verse 18 states that “the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life” and verse 19 states that “through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous”

Conclusion:-

Oh, what a wonderful gospel Paul has expounded for us! Think of it! The Law is a perfect standard of righteousness, and requires perfect obedience if it is to pronounce us “righteous!” But this perfect Law comes to sinners who transgress it and continually fall short of it; and all that it can do for sinners is to condemn them - declare them “guilty” and pronounce their doom!

But God in His pure grace, sends His Son to satisfy all of the demands of the Law and all of its claims; HE graciously unites many sinners to His Son by faith; and He graciously credits them with Christ’s righteousness and freely declares them righteous in His sight.

And through it all He remains righteous even while He graciously shows mercy by justifying the unrighteous!

I ask you, is this not a great gospel, and is not God marvelous in devising this wonderful way of salvation!!