

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."

What a wonderful gospel Paul has expounded for us thus far!

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 fail 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 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!

Is this not a great gospel and is not God marvelous in devising this wonderful way of salvation?