

### Current Positional Truth: Superabundance of Blessings, Rom 5:15; All Condemned at Birth by One Transgression, Many Transgressions Removed by One Gracious Gift, Ro9m 5:16; Adam & Ishah's Relationship with the Integrity of God before & after the Fall

- (39) In addition to these blessings of grace that occur at salvation, Jesus Christ will provide a superabundance of blessings to those who advance to spiritual maturity.
- (40) The key word is aorist active indicative of the verb **περισεύω** (**perisseuō**): “to be in excess, to have more than enough, to abound, to overflow.”
- (41) The aorist tense is culminative which looks at the action as signifying effort or process. Christ provided the effort on the cross and the process by which superabundance occurs is through execution of the Christian way of life by utilization of the operational divine dynasphere. The culminative aorist therefore denotes the attainment of the end of such effort or process.
- (42) The existing results of the gift of grace are that Jesus Christ has provided for every person who believes in Him a superabundance of blessings which may be attained by a three-phase process:
- 1- The potential established at salvation by the imputation of divine righteousness and resultant justification.
  - 2- The capacity for advance by provision of the canon of Scripture, the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, and orientation to the protocol plan, i.e., the three spiritual skills.
  - 3- Attainment of spiritual maturity results in the imputation of superabundance of blessings by conveyance of escrow blessings in time.
- (43) The end result of all of this is that the person who believes in Christ receives much more grace than that which was available to Adam before the fall.
- (44) The principle is: if the justice of God did the most for us on the cross, He can do the less by providing us with blessings in time and eternity.
- (45) The corrected translation of our verse reads like this:
- Romans 5:15** - But not as the original sin of Adam is the gift [ the spiritual death of Christ ] that results from grace [ the unailing love of God ]. For if [ 1CC ] by means of that transgression [ the original sin ] of that one man [ Adam ] the many died [ spiritual death ], and they did, much more then, to a greater degree—a fortiori—the grace of God and the gift of grace through the one Man, Jesus Christ, who provided superabundance of blessings [ escrow conveyance in time and eternity ] to the many who are mature believers.
- (46) This verse enables us to better understand the next two verses:

**Romans 5:16** - In fact, the gift [ Jesus Christ ] is not like what occurred through the one who sinned: for on the one hand the judicial verdict came by one transgression [ the original sin ] resulting in condemnation [ spiritual death ], but on the other hand that gracious gift [ the person and work of Christ ] was given because of many transgressions [ the personal sins of the human race ], resulting in one judicial act of justification [ the imputation of divine righteousness ].

- (1) Because of original sin, man enters into this world condemned and his point of contact with the integrity of God is His justice.
- (2) It is by grace that we are condemned at physical birth through the imputation of Adam's original sin. Condemnation must precede justification. Therefore, since we are all condemned then grace can provide a solution that offers benefits greater than those enjoyed in Eden prior to the fall.
- (3) Man's point of contact with the integrity of God in Eden was the love of God. Adam was perfect but he did not possess eternal life and his blessings were limited to the perfect environment of the garden.
- (4) Adam's sin caused his point of contact with the integrity of God to be changed from divine love to divine justice.
- (5) This set up the divine standard for the subsequent Adamic progeny. At birth, every person's DNA contains the genetic code for the sinful nature to which Adam's sin is imputed.
- (6) This results in divine condemnation at physical birth of every person in the human race. This is actually a stroke of divine grace. By condemning us at birth we have the opportunity to enjoy blessings that dramatically exceed those enjoyed by Adam and Ishah before the fall.
- (7) When love was the point of contact, our original parents enjoyed perfect lives, in perfect bodies, in perfect environment. They possessed everlasting life but not eternal life. Yet as long as they remained sinless they would never die physically.
- (8) Among their many blessings was a continuous food supply that would sustain their perfect bodies in perpetuity. Original sin ended all this.
- (9) In grace, God provided an even better deal: by expressing faith alone in Messiah alone, both Adam and Eve were imputed eternal life and the opportunity to acquire in their souls knowledge of a heavenly community in which they would live in the perfection of a resurrection body forever.
- (10) The blessings provided after the fall thus became greater than those enjoyed prior to it. Comparisons between the two are the subject of a lyric written by Carla Cameron Barrows.