

WE SERVE A 'MUCH MORE' GOD

Rom 1:16-17 (NAU) For I am not ashamed [to feel shame] of **the gospel** [of Christ – NKJ, good news about Christ's – NLT; finished work on Calvary], for it [the gospel] is the power of God for salvation [victorious Christian living] to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Why is the gospel the power of God for salvation?

17 For [this reason or because] in it [the gospel] **{the} righteousness of God is revealed** from faith to faith [starting & completing in faith – most Christians start in faith & try to complete in works]; as it is written [in the Old Testament], **"BUT THE RIGHTEOUS** [justified by faith] **{man} SHALL LIVE BY FAITH** [continue in faith – not in works]."

These 2 verses set the **theme of Romans** (Paul's masterpiece for Christians to understand **how to enter into living in the power of God** for their lives).

Religion preaches a message of works leading to condemnation – Paul was unashamed to go against the religious order of the day to unashamedly preach the opposite → the GOOD NEWS gospel of Christ's finished work on Calvary...

Greek: gospel [used 75 times in the New Testament – 59 times by Paul] – 2098 euaggelion (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on); glad tidings, good news, a good message, i.e. the gospel: a **{rich} reward** for those sharing this good news by proclaiming the grace of God, seen in **Jesus finished work on Calvary** to procure (i) eternal salvation, (ii) restoration to life and (iii) exaltation to the right hand of God.

Preaching, "You're going to hell" is not this specific good news message.

Jesus loves you, proved it by dying for you to set you free – this is very good news.

Be an **ambassador** of heaven, correctly representing the kingdom of God & King Jesus.

How do you answer this QUESTION: Do all those who don't believe in Jesus go to hell? *With a question...*

May I ask you a couple of questions (for them to rather answer their own question)?

– Do you believe that those in our society who continually break the laws of the land should be caught & punished (to protect the innocent from the likes of drunk drivers or a multitude of other crimes)?

– Have you ever **broken the laws of the land or the laws of God** – big or small, in thoughts, words or actions?

– Would you appreciate a judge who has justly sentenced you with a humongous fine, impossible to pay, to take off his robe, come around the bench & pay for your crime so you walk out a free man (i.e. Jesus coming to earth to pay for our sins on Calvary)?

That's the gospel – that's the good news of what Jesus did for us!

Matt 10:16b (NAU) ...be **shrewd** [{cunning - Thes} intelligent, wise, prudent, i.e. mindful of one's interests & goals {to win the lost - not to offend the lost}; be thoughtful – think before you speak] **as serpents and innocent as doves**.

Its all in the presentation - ask any **chef**.

Dan 2:14 (NIV) When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, **Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact**.

Speak with wisdom & tact - you **catch more flies** with honey than you do with vinegar (be sweet, not cutting).

Jesus had good discernment – He knew who was reachable & would repent and who was stubborn in self-righteous – who would vehemently oppose the gospel as enemies of God – He dealt with them very differently...

– The gospel – Love, grace, mercy, forgiveness with no condemnation for the **woman caught in the act of adultery**

– **Whipping the religious hypocrites** (ENEMIES of the gospel) **out of the temple** – touching their money was the last straw – they swiftly planned & executed His arrest, unlawful trial, conviction & crucifixion.

So back to Rom 5 that expounds on Rom 1...

The words '**MUCH MORE**' appears 4 times in this chapter...

Rom 5:1-21 (NAU) *Therefore, having been* [past tense] **justified** [1344 dikaioo (dik-ah-yo'-o)]; **pronounced innocent & righteous**: KJV-- free, justify, righteous] **by faith** [4102 pistis; **persuasion** {Abraham was **fully persuaded** – *Rom 4:21*}: KJV-- assurance, believe, faith], **we have peace with God** [God's not mad at you] **through our Lord Jesus Christ** [1515 eirene (i-ray'-nay); security, safety, prosperity; Messiah's peace through salvation: KJV-- peace, quietness, rest: **faith/peace** → full conviction & confidence in the New Covenant & man's restored relationship to full favor with God],

2 *through whom also we have* [already] **obtained** [past tense] **our introduction** [salvation is only the start – God's available blessings are infinite] **by faith into this grace in which we stand** [stand strong in God's love & grace like a house built on a rock-solid foundation]; **and we exult** [2744 kauchaomai (kow-khah'-om-ah-ee); to vaunt {to voice excessive praise}: to glory {celebrate} on account of a thing {our eternal heavenly home & earthly blessings}: KJV—boast {in God}, glory, joy, rejoice] **in hope** [future] **of the glory of God** [1391 doxa (dox'-ah); glory: in the New Testament always a good opinion concerning someone {God's good opinion of me – so love yourself like He loves you which will...}, result in praise, honor, glory and exultation {promotion}; His glory at the Father's right hand & our sonship privilege to be seated with Him – *Eph 2:6* – exercising Christ's delegated authority in Jesus name}: KJV—dignity {gained from God's good opinion of you}, glory, honour, praise, worship].

3 *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations* [faith victories through tests & trials], *knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance* [you have to welcome tests, make a stand & fight for faith victories];

4 *and perseverance, proven character* [1382 dokime (dok-ee-may'); a test producing trust: tried character from passing a test: KJV—{Christian} **experience**, proof, trial]; *and proven character, hope*;

5 *and hope* [which comes from God's word & must always precedes faith] **does not disappoint, because the love of God** [faith, hope & love – *1Cor 13:7,13* – the greatest of these is love, i.e. the order is reversed – start with **love** {the goodness of God}, then **hope** {imagination} & finally **faith** {fully persuaded}] **has been poured out** [to fill & flood] **within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us** [stay filled – daily be being filled – *Eph 5:18-19* ...do not get drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit speaking to one another...].

6 *For while we were still helpless* [772 asthenes (as-then-ace'); strengthless: weak, feeble {unable to deliver ourselves from sin & satan}: KJV-- feeble, impotent, sick, weak], *at the right time Christ died for the ungodly* [765 asebes (as-eb-ace'); irreverant, i.e. wicked: destitute of reverential awe toward God, impious, condemning {blaming} God: KJV-- ungodly (man)].

7 *For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die* [its inconceivable to purposely give your life for an evil person & rare to give your life for a good person].

8 **BUT GOD demonstrates** [4921 sunistao (soon-is-tah'-o); proves] **His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners** [reveling in sin], **Christ died for us** [unconditional love – the **King of the universe** willingly sacrificing His life for the worst of this world – the **righteous One** for the unrighteous many – for **all the vilest of sinners & those lost in self-righteous**].

9 (i) [Very] **MUCH MORE** [exceedingly, immeasurably more – NOT slightly more] **then, having now been justified by His blood** [129 haima (hah'-ee-mah); the atoning blood of Christ; bloodshed {not spilled}], **we shall be saved from the wrath** [& judgment] **{of God} through Him** [4982 sozo (sode'-zo); to save, i.e. deliver or protect: to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction; to save from the penalties of eternal judgment; to save one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health: KJV-- heal, preserve, save, do well, make whole].

A. MUCH MORE SALVATION (love, grace, mercy, forgiveness & freedom from condemnation; peace & security for your eternal future) – {**SUBJECT & EFFECT**}...

Comparison #1 – if CHRIST DIED to give His life to **save ungodly, wicked & irreverent sinners** how MUCH MORE is His BLOOD BOUGHT JUSTIFIED FAMILY **saved from the wrath** [& judgment] of God (God wants us to live in security of heaven – not in fear of hell).

Picture A – Calvary – Jesus dying on Calvary, surrounded by a group of ungodly, wicked, irreverent mockers, murdering soldiers, religious haters, etc – *Luke 23:34 Father, **forgive them*** [they're loved & forgiven], *for they do not know what they are doing* – (the vocal minority prevailed over the suppressed majority).

Picture B – God's **worshiping imperfect forgiven family**, justified under a cloud of Jesus blood, with full access to an open heaven – protected by a barrier from hell below – saved from the **wrath** of God – instead of wrath & judgment we get **love, grace, mercy & forgiveness...**

Mercy = we DO NOT GET what we deserve ~ **Grace** = WE DO GET what we do not deserve (our King's inheritance).

To say it even stronger... **Mercy** = I'm NEVER GOING TO GET what I deserve ~ **Grace** = I'm ALWAYS ABLE TO GET what I will never deserve (my King's inheritance – it's always available to me in Jesus if I would believe & receive it).

SERMON ILLUSTRATION: Jesus is looking for every reason to get us into heaven – **religion** looks for every reason to send us to hell (for every mistake – living under the control of fear) – **Sid Roth & books** – many saved between death & hell's gate by calling out to God – that's God's divine love & grace extended to mankind.

CHRISTIANS BELIEVE the **gospel works for sinners**, but *not so much* for those already saved by grace – Paul says NO – its works MUCH MORE for us – e.g. alcohol breath.

10 *For if while we were **enemies*** [2190 echthros (ech-thros'); **hateful, hostile**: used of men at enmity with God because of their sinful hearts; opposing (God) in thoughts & actions: KJV-- enemy, foe] **we were** [past tense] **reconciled to God through the death** [crucifixion, blood] **of His Son**, (ii) **MUCH MORE**, having been reconciled [2644 katallasso (kat-al-las'-so); to enter into a mutual exchange {my sin for Jesus righteous}; to reconcile (those who are at variance); to restoration to full favor with God], **we shall be saved by His life** [resurrection – Christ in you, the hope of glory – *Col 1:27b*].

11 *And not only this, but we also **exult*** [excessive praise] *in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now **received the reconciliation*** [restoration to full favor & inheritance, i.e. we get what we do not deserve].

B. MUCH MORE RECONCILIATION (great exchange → sin for righteous & restoration to **full favor & inheritance**) – {**SUBJECT & EFFECT**}...

Comparison #2 – what His **death** on CALVERY did to **reconcile the enemies** of the gospel, His received RESURRECTION (**life**) is doing MUCH MORE in the hearts of His **reconciled family** – God loves you, God likes you – enough to make a **perfect home** in your *born again spirit* for Him to take up residence in.

Picture A – A loving Jesus wrapping His arms around hateful, despising sinners wanting nothing to do with His love for them –with His blood stained brow & hands – **wrestling** to escape out of His arms of love – Jesus is **holding a sign** with His other hand → PAID IN FULL / RECONCILED – in God's eyes sinners are ALREADY RECONCILED (they just don't know it) – I call it POTENTIAL RECONCILIATION.

Picture B – Resurrected Christ out the tomb with His nail scarred hands having been invited to live in a Christian who opened his heart to Him – He's **made the Christians heart righteous with His righteous** (otherwise He couldn't live in us) – RECEIVED RECONCILIATION (restored to **full favor** {but do you know it & are you acting like a Kings kid – is this your new identity?})

SERMON ILLUSTRATION: Sinners don't go to hell for all their sins, but for the one sin of not receiving Jesus –

that's like you serving time when someone else has paid for your crime – but have we told them – *Rom 10:15* HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS – you could be enjoying God's blessings, favor, love, goodness, protection & provision; instead of languishing in confinement & on lousy prison crumbs.

PAUL's 3 VERSE EXPLANATION before revealing the next 2 **MUCH MORE's** – verses 12-14...

12 Therefore, just as **through one man** [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because [we] all [have] sinned--

13 **for until the Law sin was in the world**, but sin is not imputed [1677 ellogeo; reckoned, i.e. attributed: debited to your account; {sin is there but not} charged against you] when there is no law [before the law they lived under grace – their sin was not imputed – however, the consequences of sin always apply – we'll always reap what we sow, good or bad – *Gal 6:7-8* – it's the law of God.

First sins under grace & law...

– **Cain** killed Able & received God's covenant blessing of protection

– a man picked up **sticks on the Sabbath** (a far lesser crime) & was stoned to death – law has ZERO tolerance for error.

Christ redeemed {purchased us back by paying & settling the price} us from the curse [not blessing] of the law... – *Gal 3:13-14* – salvation is NOT 90% Jesus work & 10% my good works needed to complete His unfinished work – one slip in your 10% & you're doomed for missing the law's requirement of PERFECTION – no, thankfully its 100% Jesus & 0% me].

14 **Nevertheless** [{even though sin is not imputed} physical & spiritual] **death** [2288 thanatos (than'-at-os); death: all the miseries arising from sin; death of the body, separation of soul from body – end of life on earth; future misery in hell – the region of thickest darkness – the miserable state of the wicked dead in hell] **reigned from Adam until Moses** [the 2,000 year period before the law], **even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam** [disobedience; rebellion], **who is a type of Him** [Jesus – not the 2nd but the last Adam {i.e. just 2 – first man – Genesis – beginning of the human race & then Jesus – Genesis – beginning of the born again race – both started a brand new race on earth}] **who was to come**.

15 **But the FREE GIFT** [Jesus – salvation by grace that has zero to do with works] **is not like the transgression** [Adam's disobedience; rebellion]. **For if by the transgression of the ONE** [Adam] **the MANY died** [Adam plunged the human race into sin & death], (iii) **MUCH MORE did the grace of God and THE GIFT** [Jesus] **by the grace of the ONE Man** [His humanity], **Jesus Christ, abound** [4052 perisseuo (per-is-syoo'-o); to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess: to overflow {like a bursting fountain}; to furnish one so richly so that he has a superabundance] **to the MANY**.

16 **THE GIFT** is not like {that which came} through the **ONE who sinned**; **for on the one hand the judgment** {arose} from **ONE** {transgression} **resulting in condemnation**, but **on the other hand the FREE GIFT** {arose} from **MANY transgressions resulting in justification** [1345 dikaioma (dik-ah'-yo-mah); a righteous act {Calvary}; by implication, a statute or decision: a permanent judicial decision, a righteous pronouncement of innocence by the 'Court of Heaven', a favorable judgment by which He *acquits mankind* and pronounces them **100% acceptable** to Him in Christ: KJV-- judgment, justification, ordinance, righteousness].

C. MUCH MORE JUSTIFICATION vs CONDEMNATION (legally pronounced acquitted, righteous & acceptable to God in Christ Jesus) – {**SUBJECT & EFFECT**}...

Contrast #1 – Just as **ADAM's ONE ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE** (eating from the forbidden **TREE**) caused the entire human race to be **born in sin** with **resulting condemnation** hanging over them, so **CHRIST's ONE ACT OF OBEDIENCE** (of sacrificing His life on Calvary's **TREE**) caused the **born again race** to legally be **pronounced justified & righteous** as a **FREE GIFT** from God.

Why 2 trees? A tree is supported by its roots. The **first tree** was rooted in disobedience & the **last tree** rooted in obedience – **both producing a family after their kind**.

Picture A – Upside down funnel – Adam in *paradise* eating fruit on top, to start sliding down to *contrary place of knowledge of good & evil* (where before he only knew God by the spirit) – sinful human race coming out the bottom – born in sin – with 'judgment, guilt & condemnation' hanging over them, daily weighing heavily against them.

Picture B – Right side up funnel – world of sinners at the bottom – (around the spout of the funnel) God's hands by grace giving **gift of Jesus**, who in turn by grace gives the **gift of salvation/justification/righteous** – God's *resurrection vacuum* sucks those born-again up into **justification to be able to know God by the spirit like Adam did before the fall** – coming out the top of the funnel are celebrating Christians knowing they're 'justified & free from guilt & condemnation' – *John 8:32 if the Son sets free, you will be free indeed* ~ *Luke 4:18 the Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to set free those who are oppressed* ~ *Rom 8:2 for the law of the Spirit of life...set you free* ~ *2Cor 3:17 where the spirit of the Lord is...liberty (freedom from religious bondage)* ~ *Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free...keep standing firm and do not subject again to a yoke of slavery*.

SERMON ILLUSTRATION: Before & after contrast... How well does **condemnation** reign over the hearts of sinners – that's how **MUCH MORE justification & righteous** needs to reign in the heart of a Christian. ONE disobedience plunged many into sin **VS** ONE obedience on Calvary forgave many all their transgressions, placing all believers into a God pronounced legalized status of **justification & righteousness** for all the spirit world to see – but do we know it & act like its true.

Note:- No one asked to be born a sinner – you just are – you inherited it from your father Adam. **Likewise, no sinner could expect to be born-again with the free gift of justification & righteous** – you just are when you receive Jesus – you inherited it from your Savior Christ Jesus. People have no problem accepting they're condemned sinners, but many Christians struggle to accept they're judicially justified & righteous – **by birth** – its who you are in Christ.

17 For if by the transgression of the ONE [Adam], death reigned through the one, (iv) **MUCH MORE THOSE WHO RECEIVE** [2983 lambano (lam-ban'-o); to take possession of what is due: to lay hold of Jesus in order to benefit from His finished work, to take what is rightfully yours, to seize, to lay claim to what Heaven has on offer, not to refuse or reject: KJV-- accept, attain, receive, take] the abundance [superabundance] of grace [5485 charis (khar'-ece); God's divine influence upon our heart, and its reflection in life: good will, loving-kindness, unmerited favor; the merciful kindness of God; His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge & affection: a gift, benefit: KJV-- acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks] and of the [FREE] **GIFT of righteousness** [1343 dikaiosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); equity {equal to}, justification: righteousness, acceptable to & approved by God: KJV-- righteousness] will reign [936 basileuo (bas-il-yoo'-o); to rule: to be king, to exercise kingly power, to reign; used of the rule of the Messiah; to exercise the highest influence, to be in control: KJV-- king, reign] in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

D. MUCH MORE REIGN (authority to rule & reign as a king in life through Jesus Christ) – **{SUBJECT & EFFECT}**...

Contrast #2 – ADAM'S **DISOBEDIENCE birthing a race of sinners**, with resulting **death reigning** in their hearts vs CHRIST'S **OBEDIENCE birthing a race of righteous kings reigning** to bring man back into **God's Zoë resurrection life**.

Picture A – The word D-E-A-T-H in a crown on a man's head – reigning over him – producing in his heart sin, sickness, fear, torment, selfishness, hate, murder (by hating), guilt & condemnation – fear of death & eternity – insecurity.

Picture B – Christian made righteous climbing onto Jesus lap at the right hand of God & wearing a mini crown (compared to His) holding (sharing) the scepter of His authority to rule & reign (through prayer, worship & spoken faith-filled WORDS) to bring the Zoë resurrection life of God to you & yours. The **2 steps** to get up on Jesus lap are (i) the abundance of grace & (ii) the gift of righteous.

God knows us by the spirit – by the completed work He has performed in our born again spirit – *John 4:24* God is spirit, and those who worship Him...

SERMON ILLUSTRATION: Before & after contrast... How well does **death reign** in the lives & hearts of sinners – just turn on the news or visit a psychiatric ward or if you could, look into the mind & hearts of hurting people. Well by God's abundant grace & gift of righteous that's how **MUCH MORE** Christians need to experience **kingdom Zoë resurrection life reign** for self & others.

NOTE: While **sinners** are being reigned over – **Christians** are to reign over – that's **MUCH MORE** reign.

PAUL'S 4 VERSE CONCLUSION...

18 [Paul's summary...] *So then as through **ONE transgression** there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through **ONE act of righteousness** there resulted justification of life (the legal right to fully participate in the Zoë resurrection life of God) [2222 Zoë (dzo-ay'); life: every living soul; the **absolute fullness of life which belongs to God** {i.e. life as God has it}; a life devoted to God & blessed through trust in Christ] to all men [justification & God's life belongs to all men, but is only experienced by those who've put their trust in Jesus].*

19 *For as through the **ONE man's disobedience** the many were made sinners, even so through the **obedience of the ONE** [Jesus] the many will be made righteous.*

20 *The Law came in so that the transgression [sin] would increase* [the purpose of the Law was not for us to attain righteous, to show us our multitude of sins & indispensable need of Jesus, the one & only Hope for mankind]; *but where sin increased* [through the spotlight of the Law on our failings], **grace abounded all the more** [**MUCH MORE** – through the spotlight on Jesus finished work on Calvary fully paying for the sin of all mankind – grace is always MUCH GREATER than our sin],

21 *so that, as sin reigned* [while we were] *in* [a state] *death* [separation], *even so grace* [unmerited favor] *would reign through* [the GIFT of] *righteousness* to [produce] *eternal life* [Zoë – here & through eternity] *through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

What **God** has done for sinners He *continues to do* **MUCH MORE** (NOT much less) for His born again family...

1. *(The GIFT of the blood of God – it is finished – paid in full {nothing to add} – you've been legally purchased – full redemption – under new ownership – off limits to the previous owner {satan} – blessed & protected by Almighty God & His powerful angles)* producing **MUCH MORE SALVATION** (love, grace, mercy, forgiveness & freedom from **condemnation**; peace, security & blessings now & for eternity).

2. *(The GIFT of His death, burial & resurrection → we are saved by His righteous life in exchange for all our sin & failings)* producing **MUCH MORE RECONCILIATION** (great exchange → sin for righteous & restoration to full unmerited favor → I call it **Prodigal reconciliation**... *from sin, pigs, rags & shame* to coming home to see the Father's smile, His open arms, His unconditional loving warm embrace & full acceptance, His kiss of affection; clothed with a **robe** of righteousness, a **ring** of sonship & authority, **sandals** of 'God's peace reigning in your heart' to confidently own & walk the courts of heaven, as His ambassador, with fully restored participation in an unlimited inheritance and a great celebration & feast too-boot ~ how often? → remember God's 70x7 daily rule, i.e. its unlimited – there is no amount of sin that can exempt you {except of rejecting Jesus}).

Lam 3:22-23 (RSV) The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new EVERY morning; great is Thy faithfulness.

3. *(The GIFT of God's only Son – Christ Jesus, our heavenly ADVOCATE at the right hand of God)* producing

MUCH MORE JUSTIFICATION (legally pronounced acquitted, righteous {EQUAL TO}, accepted and forever represented & always victoriously defended – He never loses a case for those who believe & receive... *it is finished – paid in full*).

The Accuser comes... – Our Advocate always victoriously defends → no buts – he's My child & is JUSTIFIED.

4. The revelation of 1,2&3 brings us into fully accepting & receiving of... (*The GIFTS of the (i) abundance of grace & the (ii) gift of righteousness*) to produce **MUCH MORE REIGN** (authority to rule & reign as a king in life through Jesus Christ, to bring **God's Zoë resurrection life** to you & yours through single-minded & uncontradicted prayer, worship & faith-filled spoken WORDS – never fighting to **get** – always fighting to **defend** what's already ours by faith in Christ Jesus).

NOTE:- Your **successfully sitting on the throne** with Jesus, sharing His scepter, is directly connected to THE STEPS that put you there – if the **devil** can kick-out your STEPS from under you by putting *any form of LIMINATION ON THE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE OR* make you think you need to *in any way PERFORM FOR THE FREE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUS*, instead of fully accepting to receive God's FREE GIFTS of what Jesus 100% did for you, you'll slip off the throne from reigning in life, back to insecurity, fear & death reigning over you.

Back to **Romans 1:16-17** – I'm not ashamed of the **gospel, the Good News of Christ's finished work on Calvary** (because in it the righteousness of God revealed from faith...), clearly seen in **Rom 5** – this is the **POWER of the gospel for salvation, to bring God's rule & reign** to all who believe & act like its true – to bring the manifestation of the Zoë life of God – never to **get** – always to **defend** what Jesus has already purchased for you.

...IN THE GOSPEL THE RIGHTEOUS OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM FAITH TO FAITH [not backsliding to backsliding]... *THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.*

Those **living by faith** are living in the Word to serve, please & obey God – their IDENTITY is IN HIM.

They also know the love, grace, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, steadfastness & faithfulness of God **TO ALWAYS & INSTANTLY COME RUNNING BACK INTO THE FATHERS OPEN ARMS** & never to stay away in shame for missing the mark.

Rom 11:6 (NKJ) *And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.*

NEVER MIX GRACE & WORKS – yes, as TRUE Christians our **born again HEARTS** should always DESIRE to strive to be & do our BEST, pursing all good Biblical lifestyle instructions, **but always & only trust in grace** for our legal stand & position in Christ before God.

Never look to yourself – **always & only look to Jesus.**

This is God's powerful consistent message in **Rom, Gal & Heb.**

ALTER...

QUESTION: What has the **devil** stolen from you, that **rightfully belongs to you** – are you ready to step-up onto Jesus throne to fight to defend this position with your LIFE from today?

RECEIVE & climb the 2 STEPS onto Jesus lap today – you belong here – this is your IDENTITY.

Let's **PRAISE HIM** for the **4 MUCH MORE's** to **see yourself climb the 2 steps** onto Jesus lap, sharing his scepter, wearing your kingly crown to begin your rule & from this recorded **time & day**, even violently defend all that God has already perfectly & completely provided through Christ Jesus.

Peace, health, prosperity, family, ???, etc.