

We Reign

11-6-16

Romans 5:17 (ESV)

For if, because of **one man's trespass**, death reigned through that **one man**, **"much more"** will those who receive the abundance of grace and the **free gift** of righteousness **reign in life** through the **one man** Jesus Christ.

This verse is incredible! It says that the believer will reign in this world like Christ did when HE physically walked on this earth. When we read the Bible, it presses us beyond our physical limitations into the supernatural realm of the kingdom of God. As a reminder, Paul wrote this letter in the context of the powerful move of the Holy Spirit recorded in the book of Acts. The power of the Holy Spirit is not new to the NT church. Let us look at this verse take possession of the truth so we can live it out in our lives the way God intended.

For if, because of **one man's trespass**

APPLE

In the first book of the Bible in Gen.2:16-17, God told Adam he could eat of all the trees except one. Adam disobeyed God and ate of that forbidden tree. This is the picture of self-will, man acting without God! I will do it my way. This is man declaring his independence and thus his separation from God resulting in spiritual and physical death.

Death reigned through that one man (on mankind)

GRAVEYARD

God told Adam that if he disobeyed, he would die. Man was not created to die, but his disobedience led to both his physical and spiritual death. The physical death is a picture of the spiritual death. This physical and spiritual death would reign absolutely throughout all mankind.

Death reigned absolute. Reigned like a king. Nothing could override its reign. This is the picture God gives us. However,

"MUCH MORE"

God makes a promise to those who trust Christ as their Savior. God says, "MUCH MORE!" The promise is MUCH MORE than the absolute reign of death!

The "MUCH MORE" than the reign of Death is that Believers in Christ will those receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness.

FREE GIFT

As Man's trespass led to physical and spiritual death "MUCH MORE" God give us a free gift leads to abundant grace and righteousness.

Through this **MUCH MORE** of the **Free Gift** we reign on the world as Christ did when HE physically walked on the earth.

(We) Reign in life through the **one man** Jesus Christ

CROWNS

Through Jesus, we reign. We Reign like a king. Our reign is absolute. Nothing can override our reign.

“MUCH MORE” WE REIGN IN LIFE! We know based on the context of book of Acts and even Chapter 7&8 of the book of Romans, We reign by the Holy Spirit!

 **BREAKING CHAINS**

 **LIVING IN CONFIDENCE AND POWER**

Summary:

Adam

One Man

Trespass

Death Reign

MUCH MORE

MUCH MORE

MUCH MORE

Jesus

One Man

Free Gift

Reign in Life

Growing in faith naturally moves us toward the miraculous. We Reign!

The believer and the Church are the Temple of the Holy Spirit; God's very presence!

We have an election coming up. We have a choice between two deeply flawed candidates. Many may be asking, “God, what are you doing?” Here is one thing that God is showing believers.

CHURCH

Please vote, but know the church is the means by which God works in this world. God made a promise about the church.

Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

How do you get this Free Gift? How do we get this MUCH MORE?

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.