1. In context, Paul was drawing a comparison in Romans 5:8-9.

   “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Rom. 5:8-9).

   A. If you accept the fact that God loves the sinner, then how much more does He love you now that you’re born again?

   B. This shows that when Paul was speaking of the Gospel being the power of God unto salvation, he was talking about more than just the initial born-again experience.

2. You are not only saved by grace, but you also maintain your relationship with God by grace.

   A. This means you are healed by grace, delivered by grace, and prospered by grace.

   B. None of the benefits of salvation come to you based on your performance.

   C. If you understood how much God loves you, your faith would abound and you’d start seeing the benefits of your salvation manifest more (Gal. 5:6).

   “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10).

   D. Since religion has been preaching a performance-based relationship with God instead of preaching the Gospel, most people believe that the Lord loved them when they were sinners but that He gets harder on them once they’re saved.

3. The same way you were born again is the same way you should continue walking with Him.

   “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him” (Col. 2:6).

   A. “Salvation”—the initial born-again experience—has, by and large in evangelical Christianity, been preached by grace.

   B. But when it comes to our daily relationship with God, most people try to maintain it according to their performance.
C. This inconsistency—grace to be born again and works for daily maintenance—is the very reason why it’s harder for most Christians to receive healing than salvation.

D. Instead of putting faith in our own performance for healing, deliverance, and prosperity, we must place our entire faith in the Gospel—the grace of God.

4. Through Adam, we all became sinners.

   “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12).

   A. It wasn’t our individual actions of sin that made us sinners, but this propensity for sin—this sin nature—that we inherited.

   B. By placing your faith in the last Adam—the Lord Jesus Christ—you immediately received His holy nature (1 Cor. 15:45).

   C. You need to understand that when you were born again, your spirit instantly became righteous.

      i. It’s not something you work at.

      ii. It’s not given to you based on your performance.

   “It is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

   “But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification” (Rom. 5:15-16).

5. The gift of righteousness came through one—the Lord Jesus Christ.

   “For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:17).

   A. Righteousness—right standing with God, being declared righteous in His sight—comes through faith.

   B. It’s a gift from God.

   C. The only thing you must do to access this grace is to have faith in what Jesus did for you.
“Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” (Rom. 5:18-19).

D. If you accept the fact that you were born a sinner, then you must accept the truth that you are born again righteous.
   i. Righteousness isn’t something you obtain through your effort.
   ii. Righteousness is something you receive as a gift.

E. Righteousness is knowing that you are accepted by your heavenly Father just like a child counts on their earthly father’s acceptance.

6. The Law was given to show us that we are incapable of ever keeping it, to make sin come alive in us and exercise such dominion over us that we would absolutely despair of ever trying to overcome sin on our own, and to bring us to the point of asking for righteousness as a gift.

   “Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Rom. 5:20).

A. Even though the Law made us lust, it also showed us the grace of God—which is greater than our sin.

B. Instead of Law, grace is now supposed to be ruling and controlling our lives.

   “That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21).

7. If you’re having a problem in any area of your life today—forgiveness, healing, deliverance, prosperity—you’re having a problem understanding the Gospel.

A. As you understand God’s grace, His love will abound in your life.

B. Faith will work by love, and everything you need will come through the power of the Gospel.
God’s Free Gift
LESSON 5 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Romans 5:8-9, how did God commend His love toward us?

2. Now that we’re born again, are we saved from God’s wrath more or less?

3. By what are we justified?

4. According to Galatians 5:6, faith works by what?

5. Romans 5:10 reveals that before we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we were God’s what?

6. Now that we’re reconciled, much more we shall be saved by what?

7. According to Colossians 2:6, how are we to walk in Christ?

8. According to Romans 5:12, how did sin enter into the world?

9. How did death enter into the world?

10. Death passed upon whom?

11. According to 1 Corinthians 15:45, the first man Adam was made what?

12. The last Adam was made what?

13. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, how are we saved?

14. Which is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God?
   A. Grace.
   B. Salvation.
   C. Faith.
   D. All of the above.
   E. None of the above.

15. Why can’t anyone boast?

16. According to Romans 5:15-16, through Adam’s fall, sin abounded to whom?

17. What does Psalm 51:5 reveal about our sin—did it come because of our sinful actions, or were we born into it?

18. According to Romans 5:17-19, we received righteousness how?
19. By Adam’s disobedience, we were all made what?

20. By Christ’s obedience, believers were all made what?

21. Before we’re born again, Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 3:10 and 23 all describe us how?

22. According to Romans 5:20-21, what happened when the Law entered?

23. What happened where sin abounded?

24. What did sin reign unto?

25. What does grace reign—through righteousness—unto?

26. According to Romans 6:23, what does sin bring forth?

27. What is the gift of God?

28. According to Romans 1:16, what is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes?
“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Rom. 5:8-9).

“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love” (Gal. 5:6).

“For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (Rom. 5:10).

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him” (Col. 2:6).

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12).

“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit” (1 Cor. 15:45).

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).

“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many” (Rom. 5:15).

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Ps. 51:5).

“And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” (Rom. 5:16-19).

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one” (Rom. 3:10).
“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Is. 64:6).

“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:20-21).

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:23).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16).