

THE GOSPEL OF GOD IN ROMANS

Message Four

The Divine Transfer and the Grafted Life

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:12, 17, 19; 6:4-5, 14; 11:17, 24

- Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through ^{1a}one man ^{2b}sin entered into the ³world, and ^cthrough sin, ^{4d}death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned—
- Rom 5:17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the ¹abundance of grace and of the gift of ²righteousness will ³reign in ⁴life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- Rom 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were ¹constituted sinners, so also through the ²obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.
- Rom 6:4 We have been ^{1a}buried therefore with Him through ²baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^{3c}glory of the Father, so also we might ⁴walk in ^dnewness of ^elife.
- Rom 6:5 For if we have ¹grown together with *Him* in the ²likeness of His death, indeed we will also be ³*in the likeness* of His resurrection,
- Rom 6:14 For ^asin will not ¹lord it over you, ²for you are ³not under the law but under ^bgrace.
- Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were ¹grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the ^{2a}olive tree,
- Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild ^aolive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree!

I. As those who have obeyed the gospel of God concerning His Son and have believed into Him to have the obedience of faith, we have experienced the divine transfer—Rom. 10:16; 1:5; 5:12, 17, 19:

- Rom 10:16 But not all have ^{1a}obeyed the gospel, for Isaiah says, "^bLord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"
- Rom 1:5 Through whom we have received ¹grace and ²apostleship unto the ^{3a}obedience of ^{4b}faith among all the Gentiles ⁵on behalf of His name,
- Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through ^{1a}one man ^{2b}sin entered into the ³world, and ^cthrough sin, ^{4d}death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned—
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A. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred out of Adam into Christ—1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:12, 17, 19:

- 1 Cor 15:22 For just as in ^aAdam all ¹die, so also in ^bChrist all will be ^{2c}made alive.
- Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through ^{1a}one man ^{2b}sin entered into the ³world, and ^cthrough sin, ^{4d}death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned—
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- Rom 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were ¹constituted sinners, so also through the ²obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.
1. In the sight of God there are only two men in the universe—Adam and Christ—1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 5:14:
- 1 Cor 15:22 For just as in ^aAdam all ¹die, so also in ^bChrist all will be ^{2c}made alive.
- Rom 5:14 But ^{1a}death reigned from ²Adam until Moses, even over those ^bwho had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's ³transgression, who is a ⁴type of Him who was to come.
- a. In Adam we inherited sin, we were constituted sinners, we were under the reign of death, and we were under God's condemnation—vv. 12, 14, 19; 1:18.
- Rom 5:12 Therefore just as through ^{1a}one man ^{2b}sin entered into the ³world, and ^cthrough sin, ^{4d}death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned—

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- Rom 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were ¹constituted sinners, so also through the ²obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.
- Rom 1:18 ¹For the ^{2a}wrath of God is revealed from heaven ³upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who ⁴hold down ⁵the truth in unrighteousness,
- b. As the result of being in Christ, we have grace with righteousness, we have been justified, and we have eternal life—v. 17; 3:24, 26; 5:17.
- Rom 1:17 For the ^{1a}righteousness of God is revealed in it ²out of faith to faith, as it is written, "^bBut the righteous shall ³have life and live by ⁴faith."
- Rom 3:24 Being ¹justified ²freely by His grace through the ³redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
- Rom 3:26 With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who ¹justifies him who is of the ²faith of Jesus.
- Rom 5:17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the ¹abundance of grace and of the gift of ²righteousness will ³reign in ⁴life through the One, Jesus Christ.
2. We were transferred out of Adam into Christ by believing into Christ and by being baptized into Christ—John 3:15; Rom. 6:4:
- John 3:15 That every one who believes into Him may have ¹eternal life.
- Rom 6:4 We have been ^{1a}buried therefore with Him through ²baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was ^braised from the dead through the ^{3c}glory of the Father, so also we might ⁴walk in ^dnewness of ^elife.
- a. When we believed in Christ, we actually believed ourselves into Him, and when we were baptized, we were baptized into Him.
- b. Because God has put us into Christ, we should boldly testify that we have been transferred out of Adam into Christ—1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:17.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But ^{1a}of Him you are ^bin Christ Jesus, who became ^cwisdom to us from God: both ^{2d}righteousness and ^esanctification and ^fredemption,
- 2 Cor 5:17 ¹So then if anyone is ^{2a}in Christ, *he is a* ^{3b}new creation. The ^{4c}old things have ^dpassed away; ⁵behold, ⁶they have become ^enew.
- B. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred out of death into life—John 5:24; 1 John 3:14:
- John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and ^abelieves Him who sent Me has ¹eternal life, and does not come into ²judgment but has ^bpassed out of ³death into life.
- 1 John 3:14 We know that we have ^apassed out of ¹death into life because we ^blove the brothers. He who ^cdoes ²not love abides in death.
1. The source of death is the tree of knowledge, and the source of life is the tree of life (Gen. 2:9, 17); hence, to pass out of death into life is to change the source of our living.
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
2. By repenting and believing into the Lord Jesus, we received the divine life into us and were transferred out of death into life—John 3:15; 5:24.
- John 3:15 That every one who believes into Him may have ¹eternal life.
- John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and ^abelieves Him who sent Me has ¹eternal life, and does not come into ²judgment but has ^bpassed out of ³death into life.

3. Faith in the Lord Jesus is the way for us to pass out of death into life; love toward the brothers is the evidence that we have passed out of death into life—1 John 3:14.
 1 John 3:14 We know that we have ^apassed out of ¹death into life because we ^blove the brothers. He who ^cdoes ²not love abides in death.
- C. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred out of darkness into light—Acts 26:18:
 Acts 26:18 To ¹open their ^aeyes, to turn *them* from ^{2b}darkness to ^clight and *from* the ³authority of Satan ⁴to God, that they may receive ^{5d}forgiveness of sins and ⁶an ^einheritance among those who have been ⁷sanctified by faith in Me.
1. Darkness is the expression and sphere of Satan in death; light is the expression and sphere of God in life—1 Pet. 2:9.
 1 Pet 2:9 But you are a ^achosen ¹race, a ²royal ^bpriesthood, a ³holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may ⁴tell out the ^{5c}virtues of Him who has ^dcalled you out of ^{6e}darkness into His marvelous ^flight;
2. God has transferred us out of Satan's death-realm of darkness into His life-realm of light—1 John 1:5-7.
 1 John 1:5 ¹And this is the ^amessage which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that ²God is ^{3b}light and in Him is no ⁴darkness at all.
 1 John 1:6 If we say that we ¹have fellowship ²with Him and yet ³walk in the ^adarkness, we ^{4b}lie and are not ⁵practicing the ⁶truth;
 1 John 1:7 But if we ^awalk in the light as He ¹is in the light, we ²have fellowship with one another, and the ^{3b}blood of ⁴Jesus His Son ⁵cleanses us from every ⁶sin.
3. Formerly, we were in darkness under the authority of Satan, but we have been transferred out of darkness and the authority of Satan into light and God—Acts 26:18.
 Acts 26:18 To ¹open their ^aeyes, to turn *them* from ^{2b}darkness to ^clight and *from* the ³authority of Satan ⁴to God, that they may receive ^{5d}forgiveness of sins and ⁶an ^einheritance among those who have been ⁷sanctified by faith in Me.
- D. As believers in Christ, we have been delivered out of the authority of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love—Col. 1:13:
 Col 1:13 Who ¹delivered us out of the authority of ^{2a}darkness and transferred *us* into the ^bkingdom of the ^{3c}Son of His love,
1. To be delivered out of the authority of darkness is to be delivered from the devil, who has the might of death; we have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death of Christ and by the life of Christ in resurrection—Heb. 2:14; John 17:15; Col. 2:15; John 5:24.
 Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in ^ablood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner ^bpartook of the same, that through ^cdeath He might ^{1d}destroy him who has the might of ^edeath, that is, the ^fdevil,
 John 17:15 I do not ask that You would take them ¹out of the world, but that You would ^akeep them out of *the hands of the* ^{2b}evil one.
 Col 2:15 ¹Stripping off the ^{2a}rulers and the authorities, ³He made a ⁴display of *them* openly, triumphing over them in ⁵it.
 John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and ^abelieves Him who sent Me has ¹eternal life, and does not come into ²judgment but has ^bpassed out of ³death into life.
2. To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love is to be transferred into the Son who is life to us and who rules us in His resurrection life with love and in light—Col. 1:12-13.
 Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has ¹qualified you for a share of the ²allotted ^aportion of the saints in the ^{3b}light;
 Col 1:13 Who ¹delivered us out of the authority of ^{2a}darkness and transferred *us* into the ^bkingdom of the ^{3c}Son of His love,
- E. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred from law to grace—Rom. 6:14:
 Rom 6:14 For ^asin will not ¹lord it over you, ²for you are ³not under the law but under ^bgrace.

1. This grace is the Triune God processed and consummated through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to be everything to us for our enjoyment—2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Pet. 5:10; Heb. 2:9.

2 Cor 8:9 For you know the ^{1a}grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was ^brich, for your sakes He became poor in order that you, because of His poverty, might become rich.

1 Pet 5:10 ^{1a}But the God of ²all grace, He who has ^bcalled you ³into His ^ceternal glory ^{4d}in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a ^elittle while, will ⁵Himself ^{6f}perfect, ^{7g}establish, ^{8h}strengthen, and ⁹ⁱground you.

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little ¹inferior to the angels because of the suffering of ^adeath, ^bcrowned with ^{2c}glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of ^{3d}everything.

2. The grace into which we have been transferred is the Triune God experienced and enjoyed by us—God Himself in Christ as the Spirit with all that He is for our enjoyment—John 1:14, 16-17; 2 Cor. 13:14.

John 1:14 And the ¹Word became ^{2a}flesh and ^{3b}tabernacled among us (and ^{4c}we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten ⁵from the Father), full of ^{6d}grace and ^ereality.

John 1:16 For ¹of His ^afullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

John 1:17 For the ¹law was given through Moses; ^agrace and reality ²came through Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 13:14 The ^{1a}grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ^blove of God and the ^cfellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- F. The practical and experiential transfer is the transfer out of the flesh (the practical and experiential Adam) through our being crucified with Christ and into the Spirit (the practical and experiential Christ) through our union with the Spirit—Rom. 7:1-6; 8:16.

Rom 7:1 Or are you ignorant, brothers (for I speak to those who know the ¹law), that the law lords it over the man as long as he lives?

Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by the ¹law to her ²husband while he is living; but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law regarding the husband.

Rom 7:3 So then if, while the husband is living, she is joined to ¹another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

Rom 7:4 So then, my brothers, ¹you also ^ahave been made dead to the law through the body of Christ so that you might be ²joined to ^banother, to Him who has been raised from the dead, that we might ³bear fruit to God.

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the passions for sins, which *acted* through the law, operated in our members to bear fruit to death.

Rom 7:6 But now we have been ¹discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we ²serve in ³newness of ⁴spirit and not in oldness of letter.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself ^awitnesses ¹with ²our ^bspirit that ³we are ^cchildren of God.

II. As believers in Christ who have experienced the divine transfer, we should now live a grafted life—a life in the union of the divine life with the human life and in the mingling of the divine Spirit with the regenerated human spirit—6:5; 11:17, 24; 1 Cor. 6:17:

Rom 6:5 For if we have ¹grown together with *Him* in the ²likeness of His death, indeed we will also be ³in the *likeness* of His resurrection,

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were ¹grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the ^{2a}olive tree,

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild ^aolive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree!

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- A. The Bible reveals that the relationship God desires to have with man is that He and man become one—v. 17:

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1. God desires that the divine life and the human life be joined together to become one life—John 15:1, 4-5.

John 15:1 I am the ¹true ^avine, and My Father is the ²husbandman.

John 15:4 ^aAbide ^bin Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit ¹of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears ^amuch fruit; for apart from Me you can do ^bnothing.
 2. This oneness is a union in life—a grafted life—Rom. 11:17, 24

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were ¹grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the ^{2a}olive tree,

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild ^aolive tree and were grafted contrary to nature into the cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree!
- B. In order for us to be grafted into Christ, He had to pass through the processes of incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 1:14; 3:14; 12:24; 20:22:
- John 1:14 And the ¹Word became ^{2a}flesh and ^{3b}tabernacled among us (and ^{4c}we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten ⁵from the Father), full of ^{6d}grace and ^ereality.
- John 3:14 And as ^aMoses ^blifted up the ¹serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aUnless the grain of wheat ¹falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears ^{2b}much fruit.
- John 20:22 And when He had said this, He ^abreathed into *them* and said to them, ^bReceive the Holy ^{1c}Spirit.
1. Christ became flesh to be the seed of David, the Shoot of David, so that we may be grafted together with Him—1:14; Matt. 1:1; Zech. 3:8; Jer. 23:5; 33:15.

John 1:14 And the ¹Word became ^{2a}flesh and ^{3b}tabernacled among us (and ^{4c}we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten ⁵from the Father), full of ^{6d}grace and ^ereality.

Matt 1:1 The book of the ^ageneration of ¹Jesus ^{2b}Christ, the ^{3c}son of David, the ^{4d}son of Abraham:

Zech 3:8 Hear then, Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you—for they are men of symbol—for I am about to bring forth My Servant, the Shoot.

Jer 23:5 Indeed, days are coming, Declares Jehovah, When I will raise up to David a righteous Shoot; And He will reign as King and act prudently And will execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jer 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a Shoot of righteousness to shoot forth unto David, and He will execute justice and righteousness in the land.
 2. Christ was "cut" on the cross so that we could be grafted into Him, and He was resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit to enter into us and make us one spirit with Him—1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17a; Rom. 8:10; 1 Cor. 6:17.

1 Cor 15:45b ...the last Adam *became* a ^alife-giving Spirit.

2 Cor 3:17a ¹And the ²Lord is the ^{3a}Spirit; ...

Rom 8:10 But if ^{1a}Christ is ²in you, though the ³body is ⁴dead because of sin, the ⁵spirit is ⁶life because of ⁷righteousness.

1 Cor 6:17 But he who is ^{1a}joined to the Lord is ^{2b}one spirit.
- C. Grafting produces an organic union—Rom. 6:5; Gal. 2:16:
- Rom 6:5 For if we have ¹grown together with *Him* in the ²likeness of His death, indeed we will also be ³*in the likeness* of His resurrection,
- Gal 2:16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of ^alaw, but through ^{1b}faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law ^cno ²flesh will be justified.
1. This is not the exchanging of a poor life for a better life; rather, it is the uniting of two lives as one so that they may share one mingled life and living—v. 20; 1 Cor. 6:17:

Gal 2:20 I am ^{1a}crucified with Christ; and *it is* ²no longer I *who* live, but *it is* ^{3b}Christ *who* lives in me; and the ⁴life which I now live in the flesh I ^clive in ⁵faith, the ^dfaith ⁶of the ⁷Son of God, who ^{8c}loved me and ^fgave Himself up for me.

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- a. Such a mingling takes place when two similar yet different lives pass through death (cutting) and resurrection (growth).
- b. This depicts our union with Christ—Rom. 12:4-5.
 Rom 12:4 For just as in ^aone body we have ^bmany members, and all the members do not have the ^csame ¹function,
 Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one Body ¹in Christ, and individually ^{2a}members one of another.
2. *Faith in Jesus Christ* (Gal. 2:16) refers to an organic union with Him through believing; in such an organic union we and Christ are one.
 Gal 2:16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of ^alaw, but through ^{1b}faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law ^cno ²flesh will be justified.
- D. *Grown together with Him* (Rom. 6:5) denotes an organic union in which growth takes place, so that one partakes of the life and characteristics of the other; in the organic union with Christ, whatever Christ passed through has become our history—v. 6; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:5-6.
 Rom 6:5 For if we have ¹grown together with *Him* in the ²likeness of His death, indeed we will also be ³*in the likeness* of His resurrection,
 Rom 6:6 ¹Knowing this, that our ²old man has been ^{3a}crucified with *Him* in order that the ^{4b}body of sin might be ⁵annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
 Gal 2:20 I am ^{1a}crucified with Christ; and *it is* ²no longer I *who* live, but *it is* ^{3b}Christ *who* lives in me; and the ⁴*life* which I now live in the flesh I ^clive in ⁵faith, the ^d*faith* ⁶of the ⁷Son of God, who ^{8e}loved me and ^fgave Himself up for me.
 Eph 2:5 Even when we were ^adead in offenses, made us ^{1b}alive ²together with ³Christ (by ^{4c}grace you have been ⁵saved)
 Eph 2:6 And ^{1a}raised *us* up ²together with *Him* and ^{3b}seated *us* together with *Him* in the ^{4c}heavenlies ⁵in Christ Jesus,
- E. Grafting discharges all our negative elements, resurrects our God-created faculties, uplifts and enriches our faculties, and saturates our entire being to transform us and conform us to the image of Christ—John 11:25; Eph. 4:23; Rom. 12:2; 8:29.
 John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the ^alife; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall ^blive;
 Eph 4:23 And *that* you be ^{1a}renewed in the ^{2b}spirit of your mind
 Rom 12:2 And do ¹not be ^afashioned according to ²this ^bage, but be ^{3c}transformed by the ^{4d}renewing of the ^emind that you may ^{5f}prove what the ^{6g}will of God is, that which is good and ^hwell pleasing and perfect.
 Rom 8:29 Because those whom He ¹foreknew, He also ^{2a}predestinated *to be* ³conformed to the ^bimage of His Son, that He might be the ^{4c}Firstborn among ⁵many ^dbrothers;
- F. Since we have been grafted into Christ, we should no longer live by ourselves but allow Christ to live in us—John 15:1, 4-5; Gal. 2:20.
 John 15:1 I am the ¹true ^avine, and My Father is the ²husbandman.
 John 15:4 ^aAbide ^bin Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit ¹of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.
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- G. Through grafting we are united with Christ, mingled with Him, and incorporated with Him to become the Body of Christ—Rom. 12:4-5.
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