

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2021**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
CHAPTERS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT OF ROMANS—
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

Message Eight

Reigning in Life by Grace over Sin, Death, and Satan

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:10, 17, 21; 12:4-5; 16:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; 1 John 5:4, 18

I. Reigning in life is the full experience of the organic salvation of God—Rom. 5:10, 17, 21:

- A. We were regenerated with a divine, spiritual, heavenly, kingly, and royal life; this enthrones us to reign as kings over all things—John 1:12-13; 3:3, 5; Rev. 5:10; Rom. 5:17, 21.
- B. To reign in life is to conquer, subdue, and rule over Satan, the world, sin, the flesh, ourselves, and all the environmental circumstances and to subdue all kinds of insubordination—8:2, 35, 37; 5:17-18.
- C. In experience, to reign in life is to be under the ruling of the divine life—Rev. 22:1:
 - 1. As those who love the Lord Jesus, we have come under His pleasant rule, where we are restricted in the sweetness of love—Col. 1:12-13.
 - 2. The believers who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness need to practice the restriction and limitation in the divine life—Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 2:14.

II. In order to reign in life over the three major enemies—sin, death, and Satan—we need to receive the abundance of grace—Rom. 5:17, 21:

- A. The highest attainment of pursuing Christ is to reign with Christ in His divine life through His abounding grace—Phil. 3:13-14; Rom. 5:17, 21.
- B. Grace is God Himself in Christ dispensed into us as everything for our enjoyment—John 1:14, 16-17; 1 Cor. 15:10; Heb. 10:29.
- C. According to Romans 5:21, grace reigns unto eternal life, which means that the reign of grace results in eternal life; it is in this life that we can reign.
- D. The only way that we can have the abundance of grace is to receive it—John 1:16:
 - 1. We need to come to the throne of grace and receive grace again and again until we are filled with grace—Heb. 4:16.
 - 2. When we allow grace to fill us, it abounds in us and then reigns in us—Rom. 5:17, 21.
- E. When grace reigns, sin, death, and Satan are subdued, and we become kings in grace—v. 21; 16:20.

III. By the abundance of grace we can reign in life over sin—5:17; 6:12:

- A. Sin was originated by Satan and is actually Satan himself, who has sinned from the beginning—1 John 3:8.
- B. Satan injected himself as sin into man; thus, sin is Satan incarnated in man—Rom. 6:6, 12, 14; 8:3.
- C. Sin is the embodiment of the evil nature of Satan in our flesh, and grace is God in Christ embodied in our spirit—7:11, 17; Gal. 6:18:

1. We have two kings within us; in our flesh we have the king of sin, and in our regenerated spirit we have the king of grace—Rom. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:22.
 2. Within us a warfare is raging between these two kings—Gal. 5:17.
- D. Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life—Rom. 5:21:
1. Righteousness is the means for God to dispense Himself into us as grace—v. 17.
 2. The power of this grace subdues sin within us and reigns through righteousness, resulting in eternal life—v. 21.
 3. By continually receiving the abundance of grace, we can reign in life over sin; as grace reigns in us, we reign in life—v. 17.

IV. By the abundance of grace we can reign in life over death—v. 17:

- A. Satan's goal is not only to cause man to sin and fall but also to saturate man with death—7:14; 8:2, 10; 5:17; Heb. 2:14-15.
- B. Christ nullified death, making it of none effect, through His devil-destroying death and death-swallowing resurrection—2 Tim. 1:10; 1 Cor. 15:52-54.
- C. In our experience the only thing that can subdue death is the uncreated, indestructible life of God—Heb. 7:16:
 1. The divine, uncreated, indestructible life of God swallows death, and when this life comes in, death disappears—John 11:25; Acts 2:24.
 2. If we allow the divine life to saturate us and allow the law of the Spirit of life to operate within us, every trace of death will vanish—Rom. 8:2.
 3. Whenever we sense death within us, we should open our heart and spirit to the Lord and allow His grace to fill us and flow through us—5:17.
 4. This grace will reign through righteousness unto eternal life, and the life of God will subdue death and swallow it up, enabling us to reign in life over death—vv. 21, 17.

V. By the abundance of grace we can reign in life over Satan—16:20; 1 John 5:4, 18:

- A. Because Satan is the source of both sin and death, he is the greatest enemy; it is not sufficient to reign over sin and death without subduing Satan—Rom. 5:17; 16:20.
- B. In Romans 16:20 God promises that He will crush Satan under the feet of those who live the church life, showing that the crushing of Satan is related to the local church life:
 1. Dealing with Satan is a Body matter, not an individual matter—12:4-5.
 2. It is only when we have a proper local church as the practical expression of the Body that Satan can be crushed under our feet—16:1, 4-5, 16, 20.
- C. In ourselves we cannot reign over Satan, but in Christ as the reigning life we can reign over him—John 11:25; 14:6; Col. 3:4; Rom. 5:10, 17, 21.
- D. The only way for us to overcome Satan is to stay in the high tower of our regenerated spirit—Prov. 18:10; John 3:6; 1 John 5:4, 18:
 1. Whether or not we are under Satan's authority is not determined by the things we do; rather, it is determined by whether we are in the spirit or in the flesh—Gal. 5:16-17:
 - a. As long as we remain in our regenerated spirit as a high tower, Satan, the evil one, cannot touch us; this is the way to overcome Satan—1 Cor. 6:17.
 - b. When we are in the mingled spirit, we are protected, and Satan can do nothing to us—1 John 5:4, 18-21.
 2. We need to escape into the high tower of our regenerated spirit, the place where Satan cannot touch us, the place where we enjoy Christ as our life and experience the reality of the Body—Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 1:2; 12:12-13, 20.
 3. As long as we stay in our spirit, Satan is subdued and even crushed under our feet, and we reign over him in Christ as our life—1 John 5:4, 18; Rom. 5:17.