

**Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church  
Bible Sharing Program 2013-2014  
Romans #4: The New Adam; the Baptized to Die  
And Live with Christ**

*CATH= Catholic for a Reason-Scripture/Family  
CSB =Ignatius Catholic Study Bible  
SN = Special notes, LF=Francis, Lumen Fidei  
SK = Chinese Bible  
JNaz=Jesus of Nazareth  
CCC= Catholic Catechism  
SUN=R. Sungenis, Not By Faith Alone*

<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b><u>“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith” (Rm 1:17)</u></b> <b><u>Introduction of Related Scriptural Passages</u></b></p> <p>“[Faith] is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love...Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion” (LF #4).</p>	<p>Rm 5:1-6:23</p>
<p><b>B</b></p>	<p><b><u>Results of Justification</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who are justified by faith are “reconciled with God” through Christ. The reconciliation with Christ makes us a new creation with the responsibility of reconciling with each other, too.</li> <li>• Those who are justified are endowed with God’s gift of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. These theological virtues form the basis for Christian morality that reflects the characteristics of such virtues.</li> <li>• Christ’s love permeates the human heart and prompts the children of God to act accordingly.</li> <li>• “at the right time” – the perfect time determined by the omnipotent God.</li> <li>• “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us” – Paul explains that when one faces disputes or antagonisms from enemies, one may truly comprehend the completeness, width and depth of Christ’s love; and that one may be moved to follow Him and love one’s enemies.</li> <li>• “having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” – Salvation involves the past (baptism), the present (sanctification), and the future (hope for everlasting joy).</li> </ul>	<p>Rm 5:1-11</p> <p>Rm 5:1-5 2Cor 5:17-21, 8:9</p> <p>Rm 5:5 Ep 1:6-8, SN1</p> <p>Rm 5:6, Ep 1:10 Gal 4:4 Rm 5:6-8, CSB CCC 604, Mt 5:38</p> <p>Rm 5:8, CSB</p> <p>Rm 5:10</p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adam as a Type of Christ</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all” (Rm 5:18). Therefore, Adam prefigures Christ. Christ turns the curse of death to blessing through his obedience. God is able to reveal the good beneath evil.</li> <li>• “Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous”. – Note how God has justly reversed the effects</li> </ul>	<p>Rm 5:12-21</p> <p>Jn 10:10 CSB 5:14 Word Study CCC 128-130, 1009, 412 Rm 5:18-19, SN2</p>

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	<p>of sins, and the mistakes of Eve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does Paul imply that the whole human race come from Adam and Eve?</li> </ul>	SN3
<b>D</b>	<p><b><u>Dying and Rising with Christ</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God, by saving humanity from sins, has brought a more significant blessing; however, this does not mean that one may continue to live in sin so that God’s grace may abound. Living in sins means living a life without self-control and, hence, without freedom. When we are baptized, we belong to Christ such that we die in sins with Christ so that the new self may live in Christ.</li> <li>• “Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions ... and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness” =&gt; one’s priestly role</li> <li>• Under the dominion of God’s grace ≠ complete liberty; but to become “God’s slaves”, not just in appearance but to show obedience from the heart, following God’s goodness in order to live a sanctified life. “One becomes righteous through faith”. One may only become righteous through faith indeed.</li> <li>• “For the wages of sin is death” – Christ pays for our sin with his life so that we may live.</li> </ul>	<p>Rm 6:1-23</p> <p>CSB Rm 6:1-23</p> <p>Rm 6:12-13</p> <p>CCC 1546 Rm 6:15, Mt 5:17-18, 10:10</p> <p>Rm 6:23, SN4</p>

**SPECIAL NOTES: Please see the Chinese notes (both are identical and written in English).**

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