

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**Brothers and Sisters:**

**If, by the transgression of one person,
death came to reign through that one,
how much more will those who receive
the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification
come to reign in life
through the one person Jesus Christ.**

**In conclusion, just as through one transgression
condemnation came upon all,
so through one righteous act
acquittal and life came to all.**

**For just as through the disobedience of one person
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of one
the many will be made righteous.**

**The law entered in
so that transgression might increase but,
where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more,
so that, as sin reigned in death,
grace also might reign through justification for
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Word of the Lord