

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**Brothers and sisters:**

**If, by the transgression of the one,
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 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 the one man
the many were made sinners,
so through the obedience of the 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.