

**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**