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Reflection and Discussion

Read through the complete passage for this study, [Romans 5:1-21](#). Then review the listed passages and write your own notes on the following questions. (For further background, see the ESV Study Bible, pages 2165–2167, available online at www.esvbible.org.)

1. Assurance of Hope ([Rom. 5:1-11](#))

Paul's hope is not a speculative thing. It is a joyful expectation. Why?

1b. How is Christian hope ([Rom. 5:2](#)) different from the way most people think of hope?

1c. Why does Paul say that hope does not put us to shame ([Rom. 5:5](#))?

1d. How is good character related to good hope ([Rom. 5:4](#)) and what is the significance of noting that Christ died for us “while we were still sinners” ([Rom. 5:8](#))?

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2. Hope in Christ's Triumph over Adam's Sin ([Rom. 5:12-21](#))

According to [Romans 5:12-14](#), how would people know sin was in the world before the law revealed it? What does this tell us about sin?

2b. Paul vividly contrasts the grace in Christ with the sin in Adam. How is the free gift of grace not like the trespass ([Rom. 5:15](#))? What does it mean to be under the realm of Christ rather than under the realm of Adam?

2c. What does Paul mean when he says “the law came in to increase the trespass” ([Rom. 5:20](#))?

Read through the following three sections on Gospel Glimpses, Whole-Bible Connections, and Theological Soundings. Then take time to reflect on the Personal Implications these sections have for your walk with the Lord.