

Reigning in Life

Rom. 5:17

This passage tells us the entire human condition and destiny is explained in the persons of two significant men.

- (1) Adam
- (2) Jesus Christ

“By one man...”

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in our **image**, according to our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be **fruitful** and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” – Gen. 1:26-28

Three words:

- (1) Image
- (2) Dominion
- (3) Fruitful

I don't think you can do the third one until the first two are established and happening in your life.

“Image” for us today comes from knowing and believing the scripture James 1:23-25 – look into a mirror.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. (NKJV)

25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. (NLT)

Conditions for Reigning in Life

The same word for *death* 'reigning' is the same word for us 'reigning'.

We have to receive two things:

“receive” = *take hold of, acquire* in Greek; it is an active verb

1. the abundance of grace
 - a. Take advantage of your access into the holy of holies
 - b. Take advantage of the Body of Christ
 - c. Take advantage of the promises of God
2. the gift of righteousness
 - a. This is the direct antidote to shame, condemnation, failure,
 - b. 2 Cor. 5:17 – we are a new creation **in Christ**
 - c. v. 21 – in this new creation, we are “made the righteousness of God”

The gift of righteousness means..

I don't pray prayers I don't expect to see answered.

I don't set the bar low so I won't be disappointed.

So now... ACT on it!