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iron diadem, and wielded an iron sceptre over all mankind, 'much more shall they who receive the abundance, of the grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life by one Jesus Christ.' Now the sceptre of sin and death is broken. It is the work of divine grace. Grace in our calling, grace in our election, grace in our predestination, grace in our renewing, grace in our justification, grace in our adoption, grace in our sanctification, grace in our perseverance, grace in our resurrection, grace in our glorification, grace, abounding and super-abounding grace: not of necessity, otherwise it would not be grace; for mark you brethren, while justice is a necessary attribute of God and must be exercised without option, grace is not an attribute of God, and mercy is not an attribute of God; grace is an act of God's will, as mercy is an act of God's will, His Sovereign will. "He will be gracious to whom He will be gracious, and he will be merciful to whom He will be merciful:" but He must be just, and it is owing to His infinite and super-abundant grace to us when we were enemies, without strength, dead in trespasses and sins, that death's sceptre is broken, and life begins within us, and we shall be triumphant in the resurrection.

Now one word more. Do not suppose that this teaches universal salvation. "As by the disobedience of one the many (that is the human race) were made sinners, so by the obedience of one the many shall be made righteous." The terms are the same on both sides of the equation. Mark the difference, says the apostle. *Not* as through one that sinned so is the free grace; for the judgment was of one offence, unto condemnation, but the free gift is of *many* offences unto justification, but only to them that "receive the abundance of the grace and the gift of righteousness through Jesus Christ." Have you received it? If so, God is yours. All God's grace is yours; yours, Christ's work on the cross; yours, the holy work of the Holy Spirit quickening you and making you like Christ. Christ is your's, and all things present, and all things to come and all that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost can do, is yours, if you have "received" this gift. Will you not receive it? The Gospel is the power of God to salvation, and it is the biggest of all the big mysteries of the world, to stand and preach the gospel. The cap of the climax of all mysteries is the preaching to the people. My friends do you not know the mystery of the gospel, and how it works? When God puts the Spirit into you, you ask for that you already have. When you pray for quickening you have it already. When you begin to pray for life, you have been quickened already. When you begin to pray for faith in Jesus Christ you have it already. When you pray for any grace you have it. That is the mystery of the super-abounding grace from first to last. You thought it was *you* that was doing it all the time. You were not conscious of the