



righteous reversal is shown by the upward path of number 4.

There is likewise a **quantitative** difference, a disparity of magnitude, between the Adamic offense and God's grace. The effect of sin was death for mankind, and that's that. But the result of God's grace pair is so huge in comparison that Paul said it “super-abounded [Greek: *eperisseusen*] unto the many”. The consequence of death is just death, but grace is a counteractive overflowing reaction that veritably swallows up death in overwhelming victory: “He [the Sovereign Lord] will swallow up death permanently” Isaiah 25:8. “Death is swallowed up in victory” I Corinthians 15:54. The superiority of grace over death is illustrated by an increase in height, as well as font size, throughout number 4. Paul also emphasized this superiority of grace over death by inserting phrase 3 between his remarks about death and grace: “much more then” (Greek: *pollō mallon*), showing that God's righteous response is much larger than man's sinful deeds.

### **One Great Similarity Exists between Adam's Sin and God's Grace Pair**

Although the sin of mankind and the grace of God differ in many aspects, there is one feature in which they resemble each other: they both envelop the whole human race. The grace pair is said to “super-abound” in relation to Adam's sin. Since sin has afflicted every person (Galatians 3:23 “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God...”), in order to supersede sin's effects, God's grace must likewise have world-wide coverage, en-wrapping the whole human race in its salvific accomplishment. And such is indeed the case: “All...[are}...being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:24).

The words “the many” (Greek: *hoi polloi* or *tous pollous*) are used twice in Romans 5:15, once to tell who are affected by the offense and once again to designate the ones who will receive God's super-abounding grace (see 2 and 4.) Hoi polloi was carried over as an English phrase referring to the whole mass of humanity, and such is the case in both both times here in Romans 5:15. No wonder the angel told the shepherds that the announcement about Christ the Savior was “good news of great joy unto all the people” (Luke 2:10) !!

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