

## December 6 Answers

- 1) Paul now explained the results of justification: **peace** and reconciliation with God. Our responsibility is to **nurture** the love God has given us by obeying His commands and **yielding** to the desires of the Spirit. Paul continued by addressing the question of whether **one** man could bring life to so many. Indeed, Jesus could, for just as Adam's **sin** brought condemnation and death to all men, so Jesus' **obedience** brought justification and life to all men (Rom 5:18). Paul next addressed the accusation that by emphasizing grace, he was encouraging a lifestyle of **sin**. "By no means! How can we who **died** to sin still live in it?" (Rom 6:1-2). This means we have both the **obligation** and the **ability** to live above sin. Paul went on to say, "My brothers, you also have died to the **law** through the body of Christ" (Rom 7:4). Paul explained that the law, which was "holy and righteous and good," could not, in itself, **justify** the sinner; it could only expose their sinful heart and **provoke** them to more sin. In Christ there is no **condemnation**, for what the law could not do, the **Spirit** could. This means that we are free to walk, not after the **flesh**, but after the Holy Spirit. We know that God is working all things together for our good, that we might be **conformed** to the image of Jesus Christ.