

## Romans 5- looking at the practical benefits of our justification

v.1 Therefore- because of our right standing with God (justification)- faith is the only way we can stand before God- having been justified, its done, as we have seen all else fails

Through Jesus we have

- peace with God
- access to grace v.2
- hope of glory v.2
- glory in tribulations v.3
- love of God shed abroad through the Holy Spirit

- peace with God- the word does not mean contentment or satisfaction but a state of reconciliation- contrasted with the forbearance (temporary truce) that existed before

- remember that the Bible doesn't say we have peace with the devil, peace with the world, peace with the flesh or peace with sin. Life is still a battle for the believer but it is no longer a battle against God.

v.2 access to God- in the Old Testament there was no real access to God, the veil separated men from God- it is our faith that gets us there - note: the emphasis here is not on the greatness or importance of our faith, but on the access that God has provided for us, relying on our faith not putting our faith in faith.

- we stand in grace- like standing in sunshine- we can put up an umbrella of sin or try to hide but the grace is all around us- Psalm 139 says we have been hedged in behind and before, His hand is laid upon us

- we stand- this is our statement of how we stand, what is our basis for standing before God

- we rejoice in the hope of His glory- we see salvation, God's glory in our lives

v.3 not only that - "All this and heaven too !" - glory in tribulation- diametrically opposed anywhere else but in Jesus.

*John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

-James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various *trials*,

- 1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various *trials*,

- tribulation **produces** perseverance or patience- remember Paul's letter to the Philippian church- "if by any means I may attain" *see Phil.3*

- character- proven character- Hebrews 11- obtained a testimony- **Elders and leaders here- 6 month waiting period**

- hope- assurance-(*Jer 29:11-14 NKJV*) *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

- the hope of His soon return

v.5 love of God has been poured out - to pour forth; fig. to bestow:--gush (pour) out, run greedily (out), shed (abroad, forth), spill.

- Holy Spirit given to us-(*John 7:37-39 NKJV*) *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. {38} "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." {39} But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

v.6 Christ died for ungodly- not because we were righteous

- in due time- at the proper time

v.8 Jesus died while we were in rebellion, it is not our works or goodness that caused it to happen

- God demonstrates His love- love always brings about action

- there is nothing that can separate you from God's love, that doesn't mean you won't suffer consequences

v.9 **Much more**- notice how often this phrase is used here- if we have been given right standing through Jesus while sinners, how much more having that right standing will He save us or conform us into His image and deliver us from wrath

v.10 enemies - actually hated God is what the word means

- reconciled- God is reconciled, He is satisfied

- reconciled is a mutual word- not only is God reconciled, we are drawn close to God by Jesus death (*John 12:32 NKJV*) "*And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.*"- His love causes us to move toward that reconciliation. If He loved us enough to reconcile how much more will He continue to work.

v.12 sin entered and spread through Adam, our nature is to sin

v.13 until the law sin was not imputed or counted to us, because it was always God's purpose to reconcile us (3:25), so sin was passed over. The consequence was still there - death, the flood

v.15 the free gift abounds, it more than covers the sin

v.18 justification came through one man- Jesus- there is no other justification, sin came one way, salvation one way - It's not us, it's Him

v.19 disobedience- neglect, failure to comply

#### applications

salvation/immigration- only one way to enter in, legally

***Phil. 2: 12-12-Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your **own salvation** with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.***