

Peace with God

Romans 5:1

"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"

Romans 5 - Scripture

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Romans – Chapter 5

General Overview

• Results of Justification (Salvation) - 5:1-11

- REJOICE! This is the definition of true Joy, Peace and Happiness that the world is looking for!
- Theme is **Reconciliation** (personal), the flip side of the coin of **Justification** (legal)
- Chapter 5 anticipates the argument of (diatribe): “ok, if we agree that we are justified by faith, what are the benefits and under what conditions is this redemption preserved?”

• Justification compared with Condemnation – 5:11-21

• <u>Word Usage</u>	<u>1:18-4:25</u>	<u>5:1-8:39</u>
• Faith/Believe	33X	3X
• Life/Live	2X	24X

Benefits of Justification(Salvation)

1. Peace with God (5:1)
2. Access to God (5:2a)
3. Hope of Heaven (5:2b)
4. Rejoice in Sufferings (5:3-4)
5. Love of God in us (5:5-8)
6. Saved from Wrath (5:9)
7. Certainty of Deliverance (5:10)
8. Joy in the Lord (5:11)

1. Peace with God (not Peace of God – Phil. 4:7)

- Peace is in present tense, it's **not subjective** based on how you “**FEEL**”, but it's objective **based on “FACT”** (doctrine not experience)
- Unsaved people are enemies (spiritual war) of God
- This is about Peace in regard to God, not peace in our everyday trials and life (propitiation; **John 14:27**)
- You are now a child of God, and not a child of Satan
- The most immediate **result of justification (salvation) is reconciliation with God** (theme of Rom. 5), which brings peace.

Before Salvation, You Were an Enemy of God

John 8:44

- ⁴⁴ **You are of your father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Ephesians 2:2

- ² in which you once walked according to the course of **this world**, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Romans 8:7

- ⁷ Because **the carnal mind is enmity (hostile) against God**; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

1 John 5:19

- ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the **whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one**.

After Salvation, We are Reconciled to Peace with God

John 14:27

- ²⁷ **Peace I leave with you, My peace** I give to you; **not as the world gives** do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The holy, righteous God, cannot be at peace with a sinner, while under the guilt of sin. Being justified (sins forgiven) by faith we have peace with God.

1 Timothy 2:5

- “For there is one God and **one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.**”

2. Access to God's Grace

- Since Moses at Sinai, direct access to God was unthinkable except for once a year on the Day of Atonement by the High Priest. (for Moses even a thick cloud was present (Ex.19:9;21) and in Temple times, strict boundaries were set for Gentiles & Jews).
- Roman people also understood the term “access” as it relates to meeting with Caesar (a King).
- Christ's death ended that when the “**veil of temple was torn**” (Matt. 27:51), forever removing the barrier to God's presence that the temple veil represented. (Heb. 4:16; Heb. 10:19-22).
- Now we can access God boldly with confidence, anywhere, anytime because of the Cross. (Eph. 3:12)

3. Hope of Heaven (Glory)

- Salvation has 3 tenses – **Past** (forgiveness), **Present** (peace & sanctification; Heb. 7:25) & **Future** (**glorification** – Rom. 5:2; 8:29-30).
- 5:2b “**we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**” means God gives every believer the promise that one day they will live in **glory in heaven**, without the presence of sin and in the presence of Jesus (**John 17:20-26**)
- REJOICING is the mark of the Christian (**Matt. 5:12**; 1 Thess. 5:16; **Phil.4:4**)
- We’re going to be in **heaven** with Jesus - This world is not our home, we are pilgrims, just passing through, on our way to the Celestial City of Heaven (**Rev. 21:9-27 - Read**).

3. Hope of Heaven (Glory)

- “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” Col. 3:2
- ²⁰“For our **citizenship is in heaven...**” Phil. 3:20-21
- Hebrews 11 ¹⁰“For he was looking forward to **the city** with foundations, whose architect and builder is **God...** ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a **better country—a heavenly one.**”
- We will share in God’s glory because we are “predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.” Rom 8:29.....”in order that He might make known the **riches of His glory.**” Rom 9:23

4. Rejoice in Tribulations

- Suffering is promised to Christians (**2 Tim. 3:12; John 15:20**), but it is a guarantee of future glory (Rom 8:18; 1 Thess. 3:3)
- We don't rejoice for suffering itself, but for the results they can produce (Rom 8:28 – “all things work for good”). **Rom 8:18; 28; 1 Thess. 3:3; James 1:12; Gen. 50:20**
- In same way we trust God to redeem us through His grace, **we must trust Him to work our suffering for Hope**. Often our suffering benefits others.
- Our objective as Christians isn't to be comfortable, but to be conformed to the image of Jesus for His glory, and we need to let Him mold us as He wills.

4. Rejoice in Tribulations

- Sign of Christian maturity and sanctification and Produces:
 - 1. Perseverance** - patience & endurance to continue working in the face of strong opposition by Satan.
 - 2. Character** – proof of purity. Trials produce proven spiritual character by cleansing us of impurities. Term originally used for testing precious metals that are purified by fire.
 - 3. Hope** – “Hope of the glory of God” is increased through process of tribulations.
- The more a believer pursues holiness, the more persecution you will face.

Tribulations reveal the True Christian

- **The test of true faith** versus false teaching (emotional experiences) is how you deal with trials. Do you keep the faith even when the going gets tough? Not just “bearing with it” but strongly going through it with faith and “**glory in tribulations**”.
- Not glory in spite of tribulation, but glory because of tribulations!
- This is not unusual, but typical NT teaching:
 - **Matt. 5:10-12; John 16:33; Acts 5:41; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; 2 Cor. 12: 8-10; James 1:2; Peter 4:12-14; Luke 6:26; Parable of Sower – Mark 4:16-17** – Stoney Ground
- Not to be glad and thank God for our suffering. That would be unnatural. No one likes suffering. At first we are unhappy. But because this is something we “**know**” (Rom 5:5 “**knowing** that tribulation produces...”)
- But we should glory in them. How? Because our faith enables us to endure them in such a way that these trails actually further our faith.
- Tribulation produces patience – the ability to endure, and this produces Hope.
- Tribulations renew a fresh need for Christ, if we have true faith! Humbles us and allows us to rely more on Christ. This is the true picture of the Christian life.

“Suffering” is not to be taken lightly

- **Pre/Post Tribulation Rapture - Hotly debated by bible scholars – no one knows** if Christians will be raptured before, during or after tribulation.
- Jesus, Paul, and millions of Christian martyrs have suffered for Christ, and many are suffering now around the world. Even if it is not tribulation suffering, why would we think that this generation will not suffer severe persecution?
- Luke 14:27 **“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”** Matt. 5:10
“Blessed are the persecuted...”

5. Possession of God's Love

- Not our love for God, **but God's love for us** (John 3:16)
- He loves every sinful person until they die with the offer of redemption (even very bad unbelievers).
- V.5 - Believers, get the added benefit of God's love "**poured out**" in our hearts" through the **Holy Spirit** (first fruit of the Spirit is Love, Gal. 5:22; "poured out" – New Covenant Acts 2:17-18/Joel 2:28-29)
- V.6 - "**in due time Christ died**" -means "right time" or "the time is fulfilled" (Mark 1:15) or the inauguration of the "age to come". (**Eschatological**)

5. Possession of God's Love

- ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.
- ⁸ **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**
- Profound and beyond human comprehension.
(Sacrificial)
 - Just like the murderer and rapist, we were all deserving of eternal death, but for some incomprehensible reason, God demonstrated His Divine Love for us by dying in order to offer us redemption and pay the penalty which we deserved.

Romans 5:9 – 9-11 (Scripture)

- ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!
- ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were **reconciled** to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been **reconciled**, shall we be saved through his life!
- ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received **reconciliation**.

6. We are Saved from Wrath

- “**Much more then...**” v.9
- This indicates that what follows is even more overwhelming and significant than what came before it (peace, love, etc.) as astounding as that is!
- “**we shall be saved from wrath**” v.9
- We are no longer “children of wrath” (Eph. 2:3) and have been delivered “from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10)
- Because we are now **identified** with Christ and are **adopted** as God’s children.(Rom. 8:14-15)

7. Certainty of Deliverance

- “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the Death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” v.10
- If God loved us this much to die for us when we were His enemy (love your enemies), surely His love for us will be even greater once we are reconciled.
- **This main point of this truth is to remove any uncertainty and doubt we may have about our salvation.** If sin in the greatest degree could not prevent our becoming reconciled, how can it in a lesser degree prevent us staying reconciled.

Assurance of Salvation

- V. 9-11 – makes the point that is if God has accomplished the really difficult task of justifying sinners (v9), then preserving them from His wrath on Judgement Day is relatively easy in comparison (i.e. “Much More” of v.9).
- **“Helmet of Salvation”** (Eph. 6:17) is to protect the mind from doubt and insecurity and provide joy because of the benefits of salvation listed in Rom. 5
- Once we understand we are saved, it’s critical that we maintain the **“Assurance” of our salvation**, that we are **permanently reconciled** to God (Eph. 1:13-14 –**“sealed”**; Rom. 8:31-39–“who shall separate us”).
- There is no need to fear not measuring up to God now. Jesus took God’s wrath for us. A loving father disciplines, but protects and forgives his children.

Assurance of Salvation

- Salvation means you were spiritually “**Born Again**” and went from being a child of Satan to a **Child of God** (John 8:44). You are now a **new creation** (REGENERATION) , and have received the gift of **eternal life**.
- **Not about “feeling”, it’s about facts. TRUST.**
- Satan tries to deceive and lie to us that we aren’t worthy and that our salvation is not assured, but even if a believer falls into sin, God’s grace is more powerful (Rom 5:10; 20; 8:41-34; 2 Tim 1:12; John 6:37).

8. Joy in the Lord

- “Rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ” v.11
- Because we have received this free gift of reconciliation, we should read the Psalms and become a person after God’s own heart by just simply rejoicing in the Lord and singing His praise.
- It’s the opposite of being unthankful and grumbling and complaining.
- Song: “This is the Day that the Lord has made, we should rejoice and be glad in it”. **Psalm 118:24**