

Romans 5:1-5 There is Much More

Please turn in your Bibles to the Book of Romans Chapter 5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Pray

The title of the message today – is There is much more.

A) In our study last time – we looked at how Paul introduced this idea – Justified by faith ... not works

B) Using Abraham and David as OT examples.

C) Paul began to lay out the blessings of our Salvation

Here is Chapter 5 he is going to continue to build upon that idea – the blessings that accompany our Salvation.

A) Look at several tonight – and then the next time we are in Romans we will look at some more.

B) There is much more part 2

C) Therefore, having been justified by faith,- Lets start by defining some terms – Justified = Declared righteous

1) Guiltless – Just as if you never sinned.

That is how God sees a person who is in Christ

A) Covered in the righteousness of Christ!
Sins forgiven – guilt removed.

B) Now apart from Christ the Bible says – **there are none who are righteous – none guiltless**

We get that right – Just ask a married couple – IS your spouse guiltless? – NO

A) Ask kids – Parents guiltless – no way

B) In reality anyone who knows us – can testify that we are SINNERS

C) But Paul says we have been Justified – Declared righteous

It happens by Faith – The moment we embraced Christ – His work on the cross

A) Declared righteous - Justification – the miracle of the moment

B) In Sin / In Christ/ On our way to Hell/ now heaven

C) Justification begins a process called Sanctification

1) Sanctification is about being transformed into the image of Jesus – that is a process

D) Justification the miracle Moment

1) Sanctification the process.... Lifetime

UNDER CONSTRUCTION – SHIRT

The reality is that all of us are under construction until the day of Christ.

A) But we have this promise from the Lord **that He who began a good work in you ... faithful to complete it**

B) So we need to be patient with ourselves and we need to be patient with each other

1) Under construction

C) Having been Justified by Faith – now Paul is going to tell us the benefits of that

We have Peace with God!

A) Now what is implied in that sentence is that prior to being justified – we were not at peace with God

B) Look at V.10 here in Chapter 5 – Notice how Paul describes our state prior to conversion

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies

C) The Bible says that we were enemies of God

Colossians 1:21 NLT you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

D)Most people don't think of themselves that way – I was the enemy of God – TESTIMONY...

E)But it is a good description – we were against God's word and his heart

But having been Justified by faith –we have Peace with God!

A)It is the Cross of Jesus that takes an enemy and makes him a friend.

B)Cross – broke down the wall of Separation
1)Separated from God because of Sin

C)But the Cross restores the relationship!

Think about the terms that the Bible uses for believers! –

A)Beloved – His Children – 1 John 3:1 – Behold what manner.... Children – behold = amazed

B)Enemies his Children – INTIMACY

C)The Bible calls us His Bride.

Think about a wedding – there are two moments in a wedding that are exciting

A)The first is when you see the Bride – great finally starting ☺

B)Done a lot of weddings – Different perspective than most – Bride comes everyone stands –turns
1)They are looking at the Bride – I get to see the face of the groom – sometimes crying

C)His whole life – women have been running from him – now one is coming toward him – {loses it

But then there comes that moment in the ceremony Vows/ Candle lighting etc – pronounced

A)You may Kiss your Bride - - Intimacy

B)Then they go on a honeymoon – Intimacy

C)The Bible says – you and I we were enemies but now we are his Bride.

1)We go from Hostility to Intimacy!

D)That is the result of being Justified by Faith

E)But there is More!

² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

A)Access – Entry.

B)The day that Jesus died on the Cross – one of the most amazing things that happened – Matthew 27

C)Sky became dark – earth quaked – in the Temple there in Jerusalem – hung a Veil

D)The Veil separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies

E)Huge Veil – 150 priest to hang – It was thick – it was a Wall.

1)Meant – ACCESS DENIED

One day of the year – Day of Atonement

A)One person the High Priest –

B)Only when bringing the blood – own sins and the sins of the People

C)But when Christ died – Veil ripped in two – top to bottom – ACCESS – OPEN HOUSE

Hebrews 4 Let us therefore now come boldly – WELCOME –

A)Come boldly to the throne of grace

B)Interesting in all the scenes of heaven given to us in the Bible – the THRONE of God is the centerpiece

1)The writer of Hebrews gives us a vivid description of the throne – It is a throne of grace

C)Grace – Underserved favor – privilege.

Come boldly to the throne of Grace that you might receive Grace and mercy to help in your time of need

A)What is before you this week – There is grace to help at the throne of God – we have ACCESS!

B)PETER – Manifold Grace – many colored

C) Paul – His grace is sufficient – more than enough for whatever this life throws at you

D) Here Paul calls it the grace in which we stand –

Saved by grace – we live by grace and we stand in the amazing Grace of God!

A) Prerequisite for receiving Grace? God resist the proud but he gives grace to the humble

B) Prerequisite? Humility – God help – God I need you!

C) Benefits – Peace with God – no longer enemies – now Intimacy

1) Access into the Grace in which we stand

D) But there is more....

#3 We can rejoice in the Hope of the Glory of God

A) Three ideas here – the glory of God.

B) 1st One day we are going to see God in all of His glory! –

C) Right now – We see dimly – Fogged glass

1) One day – Face to face

2nd – 1 John 3:2 See him we are going to be like him

A) We are going to be glorified – new body – Mortal put on immortality – OUR HOPE

B) Been Justified – being Sanctified – one day – we will be glorified – COMPLETED

C) 3RD – WE will be surrounded by others who have been glorified

D) Paul says we rejoice in His Hope

1) Hope is the absolute expectation of coming good

But there is more: .³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

A) We glory in tribulations

B) The word glory here means to rejoice and it speaks of the Highest form of celebration.

C) Paul is presenting a contrast here – uses the word tribulations – the highest form of difficulty

No one uses that word to describe difficulty.

A) How are you doing – Difficult day – hard times Really rough

B) People never say – I am going through tribulations

C) So Paul uses the word that describes the highest form of celebration – We glory

1) With the word that describes the highest forms of difficulty – tribulations

D) Because it is only in Jesus that we can glory in tribulations – Why is that?

Paul tells us because we understand that the tribulations are doing something –

A) They are producing something in us

B) **knowing** that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

C) Tribulation produces perseverance – the ability to keep going – STRENGTH

I have been experiencing this Physically right now Rehabbing from the Hip replacement... Nov.

A) Friend in the church hooked me up with a trainer at Crunch gym – 3x a week

B) This trainer had experience in hip rehab because he had **gone through hip surgery himself** and had rehabbed.

C) We sat down and he told me his story.

1) Fully recovered and was now doing great. –

D) His story filled me with hope. **I can do this and this guy is going to help me get there.**

But it wasn't going to be easy it was going to involve endurance- endurance is when you don't quit - you keep pushing through

Too be honest I questioned whether or not I needed a trainer.

A) Been through this once before mind you it was 18 yrs ago –

B)But being an athlete I knew how to train and had done enough of it

C)But I immediately saw the benefit of having a trainer:

1)in the first several weeks - there were so many times where I would have quick and not finished the set or done the next set –

D)but there was Ben saying three more - ok one more set you got this.

Outside I was like - ok I'm going for it –

But inside I was thinking - will you just shut up already - but he kept me going

**Guess what - I got stronger - there were times when I would complete the set and he would go great job and I would go - I can do 5 more reps and I would
Then he would add weight the next time.**

In a similar way –

A)Paul is telling us that the trials develop endurance - if everything was easy we would never press in

B)through - we would not be able to make it in the hard times - fat and lazy

C)Trials develop our faith -

1)Endurance leads to strength - strength builds character

D)Character - that is the Goal to make us more like Jesus

Character produces Hope – See him be like Him

The Holy Spirit – poured out – God's love poured into us

Holy Spirit as a Guarantee