

Session #15: “WHAT WE HAVE BY FAITH”—Romans 5:1-5

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Several questions will be asked at the beginning of the study.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

1A. **DEPENDENT UPON THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST** - 3:21-31

2A. **DESCRIBED IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM** - 4:1-15

3A. DECLARED IN THE REWARDS OF OUR SALVATION - 5:1-11

1B. A right RELATIONSHIP with God - 5:1-5

*Rom 5:1 **Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,***

*“peace with God” - Greek: *pros ton theon* - “toward THE God”*

“Therefore” - assumes the point has been established by the discussion about Abraham in chapter 4 - two things being said in these verses about justification:

1. It is **by faith** - *v. 1*

2. It is by His blood - *v. 9*

Notice four simple truths in these verses:

1C. The **Ground** upon which our relationship with God is based - 1a

*“having been justified by (Greek: *out of* - cf. 1:17; 4:16) faith”*

“been justified” - aorist passive – refers to the moment of salvation

Note: A simple outline on justification

(1) The source is God, not man - *Rom. 8:33*

(2) The reason is God’s grace, not our merit or worthiness - *Rom. 3:24*

(3) The means is faith, not our works - *Rom. 3:28*

(4) The price is the blood of Jesus Christ, not our performance - *Rom. 5:9*

(5) The results are **“peace with God” (Rom. 5:1)** and **“saved from wrath” (Rom. 5:9)**

“we have...” - present tense - a constant and continuous possession.

Robert Burns wrote in his *Epistle to Davie*: *“If happiness have not her seat and center in the breast - we may be wise, or rich, or great, but never can be blest.”*

“peace with God” - assumes that we are at war with God - *enemies* - cf. *Rom. 8:7-8*

*Rom 5:2 **through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.***

2C. The **Guarantee** of our position in Jesus Christ - 2a

“Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand” - we are not saved by God’s grace, and then preserved by human effort!

“stand” - cf. 1 Cor. 15:1 - cf. Rev. 6:17 - “who shall be able to stand?”

Greek word *prosaogen* is used in *Eph. 2:18* and *3:12* - leads to prayer - *Eph. 3:14-21* - cf. *Heb. 4:16; 10:19-22*. The noun appears 3 times, the verb 4 times - including *1 Peter 3:18* - *“bring us to God”*

Access to God was an awesome thing in the OT under the law - cf. *Exodus 19:12-13, 16-25; 20:18-21; 24:1-2; 34:1-3; 40:34-35* - cf. Nadab and Abihu - *Lev. 10:1-3*

3C. The **Giving** of hope for the future - “*and rejoice in hope of the glory of God*” - cf. *Col. 1:27*
Greek: “*let us rejoice upon hope of the glory of the God*”

“*hope of the glory*” - cf. *Rom. 8:18, 23-25; 9:23; I Cor. 15:42-43; II Cor. 4:16-18; Eph. 1:18; Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13; I Pet. 1:3-13; 4:12-13; 5:10; I John 3:1-3; Revelation 21:10-11a, 23*

Song by Charles H. Gabriel: “*When all my labors and trials are o’er, and I am safe on that beautiful shore; Just to be near the dear Lord I adore, will thro’ the ages be glory for me O that will be glory for me, glory for me, glory for me; when by His grace I shall look on His face; That will be glory, be glory for me*”

When by the gift of His infinite grace, I am accorded in heaven a place - just to be there and to look on His face - will thro’ the ages be glory for me!

*Rom 5:3 And not only that, but we also glory in **tribulations**, knowing that tribulation produces **perseverance**;*

Rom 5:4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

4C. **The Glory of our present trials** - 3-5

“tribulations” - Greek: *thlipsis* - used 45 times - it refers to the pressure we are under - used of squeezing olives and grapes - cf. *John 16:33; Acts 14:22; II Cor. 4:17-18*

1D. Seen in the **perseverance** that results from the pressure we are under Greek: *hupomonen* - *James 1:2-4* - The promise - *James 1:12* - cf. *Matt. 5:10-12*

2D. Seen in the **proof** of our character before God that comes from the trials we endure
Greek: *dokimen* - the result of something being tested and then proven to be valuable! - cf. *I Peter 1:6-7*

*Rom 5:5 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.***

3D. Seen **in the promises which God gives to those who suffer “hope”** - and this “*does not disappoint*” or gives you no reason to be embarrassed or to shrink back - *Rom.8:18-39*

4D. **Seen in the presence of God’s Holy Spirit** - “*because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us* - ” - Greek - “*poured out*” - cf. *John 7:37-39; Eph. 3:16*