



# BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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**Focus:** Rooted – A Study Through Romans

**Week 7:** “Peace That Changes Everything... The Benefits of Justification”

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## Introduction: Rooted Theology Connection

- **Romans 4** taught that faith receives righteousness.
- **Romans 5** teaches that righteousness brings peace, hope, reconciliation, and life.

## Justification changes:

Our relationship with God - Our endurance in suffering - Our understanding of love - Our future destiny

## Key Scriptures

Romans 5:1–2 – Peace and Access

Romans 5:3–5 – Hope Through Suffering

Romans 5:6–11 – Love Demonstrated Through Christ

Romans 5:12–21 – Adam and Christ

**1. Justification Brings Peace – Romans 5:1–2** - “Therefore, since we have been **justified** through faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Because we have been declared righteous, we now have peace with God. This peace is not emotional calm. The Greek word **eirēnē** means **reconciliation, restored relationship, and the end of hostility**. Before justification, humanity stood separated from God. Through Christ, that separation has been removed.

## Peace with God means:

(1) The legal charge of sin has been settled.

(3) The hostility between God and humanity has ended.

(2) The believer’s standing before God has been secured.

Peace is **objective** and not subjective. It does not depend on how we feel. If we are justified, we are at peace with God.

Paul also says *we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand*. The word translated access (**prosaōgē**) refers to being **ushered into the presence** of a king. Through Christ, believers are welcomed into God’s presence with confidence.

## Access means:

(1) We are no longer outsiders.

(3) We have privileged entry into God’s presence.

(2) We stand permanently in grace, not temporarily in favor.

**Peace** removes the barrier & **Access** brings us near.

## Biblical Cross References

Colossians 1:20–22

Ephesians 2:13–18

Hebrews 4:16

John 14:27

## JUSTIFICATION

**Definition:** Justification is God’s legal declaration that a sinner is righteous on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ.

### In Simple Terms:

God declares us right because of Christ,  
not because of us.

**2. Justification Produces Hope in Suffering – (Romans 5:3–5)** - Paul makes a surprising turn. Peace with God does not eliminate hardship. Instead, it transforms how believers endure hardship.

*“We also glory in our sufferings...”*

Suffering produces perseverance. Perseverance produces character. Character produces hope. And hope does not disappoint. Suffering becomes a **tool for spiritual formation** rather than a sign of divine abandonment. The Holy Spirit confirms God’s love in our hearts even in difficult seasons.

**Truths to See**

Suffering does not cancel peace with God.  
God uses trials to mature faith.

Hope is strengthened, through endurance.  
The Holy Spirit assures believers of God’s love.

**Biblical Cross References**

James 1:2–4                      1 Peter 1:6–7                      2 Corinthians 4:16–18

**3. Justification Reveals God’s Love – (Romans 5:6–11)**- Paul deepens the encouragement by reminding believers of Christ’s sacrifice.

*“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

God did not wait for improvement. Christ **died while humanity** was weak, ungodly, and separated from Him. Paul argues from the greater to the lesser: If God reconciled us when we were enemies, how much more will He sustain us now that we are His children? Justification is not fragile. It rests on the finished work of Christ.

**Truths to See**

God’s love is demonstrated, not merely declared.  
Salvation began when we were undeserving.

Reconciliation is secured through Christ’s sacrifice.  
Believers are saved from wrath through Him.

**Biblical Cross References**

John 3:16                      2 Corinthians 5:18–21                      1 John 4:9–10

**4. Justification Reverses Adam’s Curse – (Romans 5:12–21)** - Paul expands the theological lens. Through one man (**Adam**), sin entered the world and death followed. Through one man (**Christ**), righteousness and life overflow.

Adam represents humanity in failure.

Christ represents humanity in redemption.

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more.

**Truths to See**

- 1) Sin entered through Adam; life comes through Christ.
- 2) Grace is stronger than sin.
- 3) Believers are united with Christ in righteousness.
- 4) Salvation is not based on personal merit but on Christ’s obedience.

**Biblical Cross References**

1 Corinthians 15:21–22                      1 Corinthians 15:45                      Isaiah 53:5–6