

# Peace Experienced

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**Justification is a gift from God that blesses us with peace, grace, and hope.**

*Three incredible blessings that flow from being justified by faith through Christ:*

## **I. Peace with God (v. 1)**

1. We have been justified by faith (v. 1a)

**Romans 4:5-7** | 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: 7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

2. We have peace with God through Christ (v. 1b)

## **II. Access to stand in God’s grace (v. 2ab)**

1. We have been access to God through Christ (v. 2a)
2. We stand permanently in the riches of God’s grace (v. 2b)

**Ephesians 2:4-7** | 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

### III. Hope of seeing the glory of God (v.2c)

1. We confidently rejoice in hope of seeing the glory of God.

### Benediction

**Jude 24-25** | 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.