

Vintage

Week 4: Peace (5:1-11)

Summary: When so much changes in our lives, we long for peace. We ache for something certain that we can stand firm upon, even in times of pain and suffering. We find that very thing in Romans 5, an unfailing love that inspires us to rejoice even when life is tough.

Human beings **long** for peace.

We're looking for peace in all the **wrong** places.

- Romans 5:6,8,10 - *when we were still powerless...while we were still sinners...while we were God's enemies.*
- John 14:27 - *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.*

No Jesus = **No** Peace

- Romans 5:6,8-10 - *6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 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!*

Know **Jesus** = Know **Peace**

- Romans 5:1-2 - *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.*
- Romans 5:3-5 - *3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Know **status**, not **circumstances** = Know Peace

- Philippians 4:6,7 - *6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Points To Ponder

1. People say “you know it when you see it”. Apply that to peace, and answer the following:
 - a. Think of 1 person in your life or at our church who you would say has real peace (with God)? Why? What about them stands out/makes them different?
 - b. Think of 1 person in your life who is lacking peace? Why?
 - c. What do people see when they see you? Do they see you know peace or do they often see no peace? Why?
2. Peace comes from knowing Jesus and who we are because of Jesus. Because that is true...
 - a. Why is it so important to make every Sunday an opportunity?
 - b. Why is it so important to do life together with other Christians?
 - c. Why is it so important that your home is a sanctuary?
 - d. Why is it so important to guard your heart by being in the Word around the clock
3. Take the SPL “Know Peace” Challenge: Do the 7 Day You Version Plan Bible Plan called “Peace”

Homework: Read Romans 6:1-23