Benefits of Being "In Christ" (Rom. 5:1-11)

- Justified by FAITH
- PEACE with God
  - THROUGH our Lord Jesus
  - We have ACCESS by FAITH
  - Into this GRACE in which we STAND
    - Fixed or made firm:
    - **Psa 40:1** I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.
      Psa 40:2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, *And* established my steps.
  - And REJOICE in HOPE of the glory of God
- AND, not ONLY that - BUT
  - We ALSO glory in TRIBULATIONS
    - **Jas 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
      Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
      Jas 1:4 But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
  - KNOWING
    - Tribulation PRODUCES (yields =>) PERSEVERANCE
    - Perseverance => Character
    - Character => Hope
      - The confident expectation of the future good God has promised to the Believer
  - God is working DIVINE processes in our lives, constantly
    - Php 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
  - The fruit of HOPE
    - HOPE does NOT disappoint
      - Because the agape love of God HAS BEEN poured out IN our hearts
      - By or through the HOLY SPIRIT, who was GIVEN to us
      - By whom? GOD HIMSELF!
- 5:7 (NIV) Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.
- 5:8 - But God DEMONSTRATES His own love TOWARD US
  - Demonstrates = PROVES (constantly, over and over), presents, commends, establishes
  - His OWN love TOWARDS us
  - In that while we were still sinners
  - Christ died for us
    - Amazing Love!
    - (Charlie Kirk - the Gospel:)
      - in 4 words: **Jesus Took My Place**
      - In 3 words: **Him For Me**
      - In 2 words: **Substitutionary Atonement**
      - In 1 word: **Grace**