

I) V1-5 INTRO: Therefore having been *justified by faith* we have peace with God

As we look at this passage Paul is outlining the benefits of salvation

II) As we saw in chapter 4, Paul wrote to the Romans about *justification*
Justification is a term that Paul uses in a judicial sense

III) Paul was teaching them that this is how God makes Christians righteous

Justification is God declaring the sinner to be totally free of sins' guilt

IV) It is *through justification* that God completely forgives us of our sin
Ro 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

V) When we are justified, something is *removed*: the penalty of sin (*judgment*)

Not only that, but something else is *received*: forgiveness

VI) Remember: Through *Justification*, God *completely* forgives sin
Is 43:25 I, even I, am He who *blots out your transgressions*, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more

Is 55:7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will *freely pardon*

VII) Paul now gives us insight into the new life that we have in Jesus

VIII) V1 Now that we are *justified through faith*, we have (present tense) peace

The *immediate result* of justification is reconciliation with God

IX) Before we were reconciled, we were at war with God and He was angry at us

Ro 8:7 because the mind set on the flesh *is hostile toward God*; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do

so

X) When we believed the gospel, our war with God came to an end
His message gave us terms of peace: Unconditional surrender

XI) When we yielded and repented, seeking His mercy He forgave us
We are no longer at war with God and are in a state of peace
with Him

I) We are reconciled with Him and have peace with Him
Ac 10:36 You know the message God sent to the people of
Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ who is
Lord of all

II) Paul says we have *peace with God*
This results in a present tense sense of assurance
1 Jn 4:17-18 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we
may have boldness (*confidence; assurance*) in the day of Judgment;
because as *He is* (righteous), so are we in this world. There is no fear in
love; but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves torment. But he
who fears has not been made perfect in love

III) This is the peace that each person longs for that only comes from
surrender

If any man is not sure that he is in Christ, he ought not to be
easy one moment *until he is sure*. Dear friend, without the fullest
confidence as to your saved condition, *you have no right to be at ease*,
and *I pray you may never be so*. This is a matter too important to be left
undecided.

IV) V2 Through whom also we have *access by faith* into this grace *in
which we*

We now have access (acceptance) *by faith* though faith in
Jesus (Jn 14:6)

Before Christ, people could not have direct access to God
because of sin

V) When Jesus died, He tore the veil in the Temple, and access is ours
The sin that separated us from God has been completely done

away with

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come *boldly unto the throne of grace*, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

VI) V2 We now, *by faith*, stand in grace and rejoice in hope of the glory of God

Stand: This carries the idea of settled condition, of permanence

It is God's grace that makes salvation secure

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you *will perform it until the day* of Jesus Christ

VII) V2b The result of this standing in grace is rejoicing (*exulting*) in hope

Rejoicing: Jubilant rejoicing: We're *excited* because we know God Himself

Rejoicing carries the connotation of boasting in our confidence of our future

I) We are going to share in the glory of God when Jesus rules and reigns

Jn 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them

II) Throughout eternity we will share in joy, love, peace, and holiness

2 Co 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

III) One day, when we are glorified, we will receive and display God's glory

Phil 3:20-21 But our *citizenship is in heaven*. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body

2 Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, *are changed* into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

IV) V3 And not only that but we also glory in tribulations knowing that tribulation

Because we know our future, we glory in *tribulation* (distress, pressures)

V) Believers aren't exempt from suffering

Ps 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all

They are used to refine our faith and form our character

VI) We haven't been exempted from suffering

Mt 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household

Jn 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world

VII) We glory *in* tribulations because we know that God uses *them* to refine us

We rejoice because hardships are evidence of faithful living which is blessed and rewarded

Ro 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us

I) V3 They ultimately produce spiritual benefits

First: Tribulation produces patience, *cheerful* perseverance

II) *Perseverance:* The ability to overcome, to endure in the face of opposition

As we endure affliction, our ability to persevere increases

III) We develop a contented, resigned, joyful, and quiet state of mind

Phil 4:12-13 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me

IV) *Second:* Perseverance forges character

Character: *Proven* character: character that is revealed under

fire

1 Pe. 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

V) *Character* leads to hope (in God)

Over time, we discover that God is faithful and performs His promises

Ps 91:15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

VI) V5 Now hope *does not disappoint* because the love of God has been poured

Hope: Expectation; trust, confidence

Hope results from grace, and becomes greater, increasing over time

VII) *Disappoint*: Literally, hope does not disgrace or make you ashamed

Quote: A hope not based on the stability of God's promises leads to shame because the hope was placed in that which could not produce

VIII) When we are young in faith, we may say I know *what I believe*

IX) When we mature in faith, we will say *i know whom I have believed*

2 Ti 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for *I know whom I have believed* and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

I) The believers hope is built on God

It is firmly established on God's word and knowledge He keeps it

Ps 71:5 For you, O Lord, *are my hope*, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

II) The way that we live is evidence that our hope and trust is God

Ps 62:5 Rest in God *alone*, O my soul, for my hope *comes from Him*

III) V5 Since our hope is in God, it doesn't disappoint or deceive
This is because we have experienced the love of God

IV) When we think of Who He is it can overwhelm our hearts
Ps 8:3-4 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, *What is man* that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

V) V5 God's love is *poured out* (abundantly) by the Holy Spirit who was given

Gal 4:6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Ro 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that *we are God's children*

VI) Hope does not disappoint (produce shame; disgrace) because God loves us

The shame of disappointment never results from our having this hope

Is 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; *I will trust and will not be afraid* for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation

VII) V6 For when we were still *without strength* in due time Christ died for the

Without strength: Powerless to save ourselves, please or obey Him

Eph 2:1-3 You He *made alive* who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among who also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

VIII) V6 In due time (appointed time) Christ died for the *ungodly* (wicked)

Gal 4:4 When *the set time had come*, God sent His Son born of a woman, born under the law

I) V7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man

A *righteous* man is a religious person

A good man is simply what we call a good person

II) The world needs more of these, so perhaps you would die for them
These are the kinds of people that some think deserve to be sacrificed for

III) V8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet

Sinners: Depraved, detestable

We were slaves to sin, under its power, living in guilt awaiting judgment

IV) God exhibited His own love for us, openly showing it at the cross

1 Jn 4:9-10 This is how God *showed his love among us*: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

V) V9 Much more than having now been *justified by His blood* we shall be

We have been saved from wrath that is revealed in final judgment

Jn 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

1 Th. 5:9 For God did not appoint us to *suffer wrath* but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VI) V10-11 For if when we were *enemies* we were reconciled to God through the

Enemies: Hateful, hostile, and adversary

VII) Notice the words Paul uses that serve to magnify the amazing grace of God

Without strength, ungodly (wicked), sinners (depraved),
enemies (adversary)

VIII) For those who argue that man is good by nature, God would differ
Men are powerless, wicked, depraved enemies of God
If God did not send His Son, we all would receive the judgment
we deserve

IX) We have been *reconciled* through the death of Jesus
Jn 12:32-33 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw
all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to
die.

I) By *His death*, He ransomed us and redeemed us, purchasing us by
His blood

Col 1:14 in (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the
forgiveness of sins

II) *Why do we rejoice* in God through Jesus
Because *through Him* we have been reconciled with God, and
have peace

We are saved from His wrath through the gift of His Son!

III) The cross is the only ladder high enough to touch the threshold of
heaven.