

Lesson 4, ROMANS 5

Paul made it clear in chapter 1, that all of mankind is judged to be worthy of the wrath of God. None of us is innocent, we all deserve the judgment of God. BUT Romans 5 is our chapter of hope.

1. Read Romans 5:1-11. According to these verses, what are the benefits of being “justified by faith”? What does John 14:27 say about peace? What does Hebrews 10:19-23 say about access to God? What does John 14:2-4 say about our eternal destination which gives us reason to rejoice?

2. Define reconciliation. Compare these Romans verses to 2 Corinthians 5:18-19.

Paul is showing us that the ancient Jews could not enter the Holy of Holies where the very presence of God dwelled. Only the High Priest could enter there and only once a year on the day of atonement, Yom Kipper.

Now Paul turns his attention to the root cause of sin in mankind.

3. Read Genesis 3. What was the result of Adam’s sin according to Genesis 3:7-19? Adam and Eve did not die as soon as they ate the fruit. What do you think died in them? See John 3:3,5-8.

4. Read Romans 5:12-19. Compare and contrast Adam and Jesus.

5. John 3:16 and Romans 5:8 are similar. What do these verses mean to you?

6. Paul uses the word “grace” five times in these verses. Define grace.

APPLICATION: Paul says we are to “rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Write down times when this verse had a real meaning to you. How do these verses affect your hopes and dreams for your offspring?

PRAYER: God of all grace and mercy, we praise you that we have access into your throne room by the sacrifice of Jesus. No longer are we at a distance but we are reconciled and can find the peace which passes understanding no matter what is going on in our lives or the lives of our loved ones. Give us eyes to see how you have carried us in times of trouble. Give us ears to hear your voice of assurance and love. Thank you that your love for each of us outweighed your desire for judgment. You found a way to satisfy both through the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.