

The Benefits of Justification

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"In the whole Bible there is hardly another chapter which can equal this triumphant text." (Martin Luther)

Text: Romans 5:1–5 (ESV) — **1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Introduction:

Big Idea: Being justified unlocks the very best you could ever _____. [Have you been justified? Are you living like you have been justified?]

1- Justification makes possible a _____ with God (1-2)

- The benefit of _____ with God (1)
- The benefit of _____ by faith into this grace (2)
- The benefit of joy-filled _____ in God's plan (2b)

2- Justification gives us a new _____ into the hard stuff of life (3-4)

- Christian suffering is a source of joy because it produces _____.
- This maturity comes in stages:
 - Stage 1 - _____
 - Stage 2 - _____
 - Stage 3 - _____

3- Justification triggers God supernaturally _____ His love into our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT (5)

- This hope does not _____

Truth Into Action:

- The gift of justification is meant to benefit you FOREVER. **Be sure of your justification and treasure its benefits!**
- If you have been justified, God's love has been poured in your heart by the Holy Spirit. **Don't think a dropper sized portion; think endless-overflowing river of God's love flooding your life.**

Connect Card:

- How are the benefits of justification reshaping your life?
- How may we help & pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What would be the ideal benefit package in your estimation?

v. 1 – it's an old cliché, but what is the “therefore” there for?

v. 1 - How would you describe the peace we have with God through Christ?

v. 2 - Into what have we been introduced and how does this affect our view of the future?

v. 3 – How should we face suffering? Why?

v. 4 – Explain the connection between the three spiritual qualities in these verses.

v. 5 - Why will the believer's hope never be disappointed? How does this encourage you?

Compare Romans 5:5 with Hebrews 6:19. Why does the hope that God gives not disappoint us? Explain the nature of a Christian's hope. How can our hope become stronger?