

Romans 1:5-7 Who are We?

As Paul continues to open up his letter to the Romans, he emphasizes a few wonderful gifts that we receive through Christ, by His grace. These gifts lay the groundwork for our response in the following verses.

Topic- Grace, Peace, Love

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“Through Him”

-Through Who?

-The Lord Jesus Christ

“Through Him we have received grace”

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“and apostleship for obedience to [the] faith”

“Obedience which springs forth from faith”

“Obedience which faith demands”

“The Obedience implicit in the virtue of faith”

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Matthew 28:18-20 — And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

“Observe” = tēreō (τηρέω); to keep, guard, preserve, hold fast, carefully obey.

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We don't need to “obey better,” or “try harder,” we need God to increase our faith.

-How can we increase our faith?

Psalms 119:9 — How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

-Psalms 119:10 — With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

-Psalms 119:11 — Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

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“among whom you also are [the] called of Jesus Christ”

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“to all who are in Rome”

-Not just the best, but all

-"To all Christians in the Lower Valley..."

“Beloved of God”

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God has ALWAYS loved you.

1 John 4:19 — We love Him because He first loved us.

Romans 5:8 — But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Spurgeon- “God’s love is not a thing of time; it is from everlasting to everlasting.”

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“Beloved of God”

God has ALWAYS loved you.

He loves you with a mind-blowing love.

1 John 3:1 — Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

Ephesians 3:18-19 — [Paul prayed that you] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge...

*Wesley- Amazing love! how can it be, That Thou, my God, should die for me?

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“Beloved of God”

God has ALWAYS loved you.

He loves you with a mind-blowing love.

His love is unconditional.

*Spurgeon- “Christ did not die for you because you were worth dying for, but because He loved you.”

Malachi 3:6 — For I am the Lord, I do not change;

James 1:17 — ...with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Romans 8:38-39 — For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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“called to be saints”

“Saints” = hagios (ἅγιος); set apart, consecrated, devoted to God

-Translated holy (161x), saint(61x)

-hagiazō (ἁγιάζω) = to sanctify, to set apart

“called saints”

Because it is God who calls you a saint, you will always be a saint, irregardless of your performance.

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“Grace to you and peace”

100 of 155 times grace is mentioned in the New Testament, it is by Paul.

-24 (¼) are found in Romans

-Peace is used by Paul 43/91 times.

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“from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”

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“Grace”

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Expense

Ephesians 2:8 — For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Romans 5:2 — ...we have access by faith into this grace...

Romans 11:6 — And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.

*Luther- "Grace is not given because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them."

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Sometimes we feel unworthy,
-but we must remember that we never were worthy

2 Corinthians 12:9 — "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

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"and peace"

*Chuck- "I believe that this is by design for you can never truly know the peace of God until you have known His grace

Colossians 3:15 — And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...

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But what is peace?

*MLJ- Peace is the opposite of restlessness. It is the opposite of strife and uncertainty. Peace is the opposite of unhappiness.

John 14:27 — Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

-Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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Philippians 4:6-7 — Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
-and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*Watson- “God’s people have a peace which the world cannot give.”

Isaiah 26:3 — You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

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Numbers 6:23-3 NKJV — “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

Isaiah 53:5 — But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.