

Romans 5:1-5 The Assurance of Justification

After concluding a foundational teaching on salvation and justification by grace alone, through faith alone, Paul now begins to unpack the implications of that grace, beginning with the great assurance we have of our salvation.

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- Objectively, through justification. (1-2)
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- Supernaturally, through the Holy Spirit. (5b)

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Justification is not the finish line of salvation, it is the unshakable foundation upon which the Christian life is built.

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Peace WITH God.

Not the Peace of God (Phil 4:6-7)

*Japan Signs Peace Treaty, Sept 2, 1945, USS Missouri

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“through whom also we have access by faith”

*To Meet the Queen

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

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“into this grace in which we stand”

Romans 3:31 — Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

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“and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Exodus 33:18 — And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.”

John 1:14 — And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 17:20 & 24 — “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word...

-Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me...

Philippians 3:20-21 — For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body...

1 John 3:2 — Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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“but we also glory in tribulations”

Being justified by faith, we can glory in tribulation because we know that our performance is not being tested to judge us, qualify us, or disqualify us. We know that it is God's grace doing a work in us.

James 1:2-5 — My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

-If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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“knowing that tribulation produces perseverance”

Suffering for a purpose

*dentist

*gym

Perseverance = hypomonē(ὑπομονή) steadfastness, patience, endurance
-lit. Hypo(under) + meno(to remain/abide)

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Marriage is likely one of the greatest places where God teaches us perseverance.

“What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?”
~Gary Thomas,

Can you love someone who is behaving unlovable?

-Can you serve someone who is ungrateful?

-Can you forgive someone for mistreating you?

-In short, can you be more like Jesus?

Romans 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.

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“and perseverance, character”

Character = dokimē(δοκιμή) approvedness, tried character, experience

*Silver Shields, Diodorus, Cabinet

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“and character, hope.”

Hope = elpis(ἐλπίς) an expectation or confidence

“Now hope does not disappoint,”

-KJV “hope maketh not ashamed”

Psalm 22:5 — They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

Psalm 119:116 — Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

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“because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

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“In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”

John Wesley

“Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me... the Holy Ghost descended on me in a manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love; for I could not express it in any other way.”

Charles Finney

“In this state I was taught the doctrine of justification by faith, as a present experience. That doctrine had never taken any such possession of my mind, that I had ever viewed it distinctly as a fundamental doctrine of the Gospel. Indeed, I did not know at all what it meant in the proper sense. But I could now see and understand what was meant by the passage, ‘Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.’”

Charles Finney

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Acts 19:1-2 — And it happened... that Paul... finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

-KJV- Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

Romans 8:9b — Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

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Romans 8:28-29 — And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...

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.