

Romans 5

Jesus

I. Salvation Just the Beginning

- **We Have been saved/Are being saved/Will be saved...**

Romans 8:30 ...whom [God] predestined, these He also **called**; whom He called, these He also **justified**; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified**.

Romans 4:17b God...gives **life to the dead** and calls those things which do not exist as **though they did**

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3. <i>Will be saved</i>	Later	See Him be "like" Him	Glorified

Positionally ready for Heaven. Practically in the "Now Stage" Sanctification process
Being declared righteous is just the beginning...

1 Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ...

- **Recipients:**

1. **Current Believers in God**
2. **Former Enemies of God:** Rebellious, Godless, without hope

Ephesians 2:12 ...at that time you were without Christ, being **aliens... having no hope and without God in the world.**

Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were **alienated and enemies** in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has reconciled**

- **Justified:** Declared Righteous by our Faith in Jesus immediately at peace w/God
- **Peace:** Rest/Quietness. rt. to join

Born Enemies of God but Because of what Jesus did...

We are now at peace with God/God is at peace with us

1 Peter 3:18 ...Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might **bring us to God...**

- **Genesis to Revelation:**

1. God making a way to bring us to Himself
2. Turn His enemies into His friends

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for **his friends.**

Not the peace of God but...
Peace with God because of Jesus work of Salvation

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all...

2 through whom **also we** have access by faith into this **grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in **hope of the glory of God**.

- **Benefits of saving faith**
 1. Salvation
 2. Peace
 3. **Access: Grace for Today.** [Grace to save then grace to stand!]
- **Access to God any time we desire:** Way now open

John 14:6 **I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Matthew 27:50 ... Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the **veil of the temple was torn** in two from top to bottom

Hebrews 10:19 ... [We now have] **boldness to enter the Holiest** by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh...**

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

Grace/God's Favor for us today to stand fast today!

- Q.** Doesn't Standing in grace happen naturally?
A. No... **Falling from grace happens naturally**

Galatians 3:2 [People polluted/Paul has a question] Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now **being made perfect by the flesh?**

Galatians 5:1 **Stand fast** therefore in the **liberty** by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; **you have fallen from grace.**

- **Spiritual Armor is Jesus...** Cornerstone that braces us to stand as we lean on Him

Ephesians 6:11b... **stand** against the wiles of the devil... **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14 Stand** therefore,

- **Standing in grace means that...**
 1. I don't have to prove I am worthy of God's love

2. God is my friend
3. The door of access is permanently open to Him
4. I am free from the "score sheet" – the account is settled in Jesus
5. I spend more time praising God and less time hating myself [Guzik]

- **Peace with God:** David made peace with Absalom but refused to see him

Beyond Salvation/Beyond Peace with God
Now Immediate Access into God's Grace for today by Faith

- How can we not rejoice in hope of the glory of God?!!!
 1. **Rejoice:** Triumphant Rejoicing Confidence
 2. **Hope:** Not meaning maybe but lit. a happy certainty in God's promises

Paul is speaking of our lives now...

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance [Endurance]; **4 and perseverance, character; and character [approved character], hope.**

- **Benefits of saving faith**

1. Salvation
2. Peace
3. Access...Not only that?!!!

Victory Over Tribulation/Spiritual Growth in this Life

Through faith in Jesus' work on the Cross!

1. God deserves Glory
2. God receives glory...as we trust Him for victory.
3. There is no victory if there is no war. Thus...
4. **God allows war** in our lives that we might experience victory/He receive the Glory

Q. What happens when we gain victory as we trust the Lord?

A. God is Glorified in Heaven/We are Sanctified on Earth

- **Each Victory:** Listening for/Listening to/Obedying/Winning in Tribulations produces...

1. **Ability to Persevere**
2. **Change in Character** Proved though experience. Approved
3. **Hope for Future**

Tribulation *done right* produces endurance which produces character which produces hope [NJC]

Most every Christian wants to develop character and have more hope. These qualities spring out of perseverance, which comes through tribulation. We may wish to have better character and more hope without starting with tribulation, but that isn't God's pattern and plan. [Guzik]

- Can we accept/even welcome tribulation as a means of growth?

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **Holy Spirit gives us felt hope/assurance in our hearts...**

2 Corinthians 1:22 [God] has **sealed us** and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 1:13b... [When?] after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise...**

- **Are you growing though daily Tribulation?**

1. Ability to Persevere
2. Change in Character
3. Hope for Future

Everyone who is a Christian has the Holy Spirit [Rom 8:9]. But not every Christian lives in the fullness of the Holy Spirit [Eph 5:18], and not every Christian walks in the Spirit [Rom 8:4-5]. [Guzik]

Luke 11:13 ... your heavenly Father [desire to] **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!

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- **Benefits of saving Today:** Salvation and beyond...

1. Peace w/God
2. Access to God
3. Victory/Growth from God in everyday Tribulation

SUMMARY Salvation Just the Beginning

Love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit....not because we are good but **because He is good...**

II. Christ in Our Place Enemies Reconciled

6 For when we were still without strength, in **due time** [lit. at the right time] Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- **Due time Jesus died for ungodly**

Galatians 4:4 ... when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive **the adoption as sons.**

- **Justified the ungodly:** Declared Righteous by Great Exchange

2 Corinthians 5:21 For [God the Father] made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the **righteousness of God** in Him.

Genesis to Revelation: God making a way for sinners to come to Him

- **When did Jesus die for us** [ungodly]?
 1. **At the right time**/perfect time. When was that?
 2. When we were w/out strength/While we were sinning
- **Q.** Why did God send Jesus to die for us? **A. To demonstrate His love for us**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His **only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God the Father/God the Son: Demonstrate God's love for us by giving EVERYTHING to those who deserve NOTHING. [NJC]

- **Propitiation:** Substitutionary Sacrifice

Romans 8:32 [God the Father] ... **did not spare His own Son**, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Ephesians 5:2 [God the Son] ... also has loved us and **given Himself for us**, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

If Christ died for the ungodly, this fact leaves the ungodly no excuse if they do not come to him, and believe in him unto salvation. Had it been otherwise they might have pleaded, 'We are not fit to come.' But you are ungodly, and Christ died for the ungodly, why not for you? [Spurgeon]

This while we were yet enemies of God

How great is a love is this? One who would die for those who don't love Him?

- God the Father **DEMONSTRATED HIS OWN LOVE** to us by sending His Son to die

A love that obvious by its actions will never give up...

- **If** [since] **while we were sinning...the Son of God died for us**

9 [How] Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be **saved from wrath** through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled to God** through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His life**. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now **received the reconciliation**.

Completely/Eternally Saved from God's Wrath

- **Justified by His blood/Saved from His wrath**

There is no more wrath left for those who are counted righteous because of the Cross [NJC]

- **We will experience tribulation...It a promise**

John 16:33b... In the world **you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

- **We will have tribulation in this world:** Man's wrath/Devil's anger

Tribulation def.: Time of God's Wrath poured out on unrepentant sinners.
Jesus took that for us. All of that...Thus, No day of wrath for His Bride

1 Thessalonians 1:10 [We are...] to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who **delivers us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

Revelation 3:10 [Philly] Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the **hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world**, to test those who dwell on the earth.

- **Justified** ...by His Blood
- **Reconciled** ...by His Death
- **Saved** ...by His Life now/forever

What is our Response to the Amazing Grace on which we stand?

2 Corinthians 5:17 ... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is [**The Gospel**], that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Tell them the Good News: Jesus died in your place to save you from your sin

Matthew 5:14 **"You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

SUMMARY Christ in Our Place Enemies Now Reconciled by the Great Exchange

Matthew 27:15 ... at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. 16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called **Barabbas**. 17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? **Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?**" 18 For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy...20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 21 The governor answered and said to them, "**Which of the two** do you want me to release to you?" They said, "**Barabbas!**" 22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

Which of two do you choose to pay? You or Jesus?

- **Barabbas:** Saved in due time/Just at the right time
 1. Notorious prisoner like us
 2. Lit. Son of the father like us
 3. Scapegoat set free **like us**
- **Reconciliation:** lit. Atonement.
- **At-one-ment:** One with God ...answer to **Jesus' prayer for us...**

John 17:21 ... that **they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that **they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that **they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me;** that they may be made **perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and [You] have loved them **as You have loved Me.**

- One w/God...One w/Fellow believers
- **Partakers of God's Divine Nature!**

2 Peter 1:3b... as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and **precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption [depravity] that is in the world through lust.

- One w/God...One w/Fellow believers
- Partakers of God's divine nature!

No Longer Enslaved to the Nature of Adam...No Longer Slaves to Sin

Freedom to Walk in the Spirit...Reflect the Nature of God

- **Rejoice:** We are Reconciled/Joined/At one w/God **through Jesus**

III. Death in Adam...Life in Christ

12 Therefore, just as through **one man sin entered** the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

Therefore...since we are now made one with God There had to be a time when we were separated from God?

- **Adam:** Federal Head of mankind disobeyed a Holy God
- **By this one man:** Sin/death entered a perfect world
 1. Death spread to all men through Adam
 2. All people after Adam are born sinners/born into Adam's sin
 3. Sin was not **counted as sin** until the Law... **but still sin**

The Law only made known the sin from Adam to Moses

Q. Born sinners? **I thought we're sinners because we break the law?**

A. No. We break the law because we are sinners. [v. 13 sin was in the world before law]

Q. I don't get it...?

Every person is born a sinner. Not a sinner because we sin/we sin because we're sinners
Consequences of sin began w/ Adam...Spiritual Death/**Separation from God**

Genesis 2:17 [One command] ... but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you **shall surely die.**"

- Consequences of sin **began w/ Adam but did not stop there...**

Sin was passed down to all of humanity. All died w/ Adam

Sin/Death entered the world through one man: Hatred, Wars, Murder, Betrayal, Malice

- **Adam:** Type/Foreshadowing of the **One to Come. Fulfillment of the True Man**
 1. **First Adam** Adam's offense **brought death** to all men
 2. **Last Adam** Jesus obedience **bought life** to all who believe

You must be Born Again

Jesus is the origin of our new life [Smith]

1 Corinthians 15:45 ... The first man **Adam** became a living being." The last Adam [Jesus] became a **life-giving spirit.**

Adam could not pass on Spiritual Life to his descendants
... because he had no Spiritual Life to give

- First Adam brought spiritual/physical death to all humanity by his offense

15 But the **free gift** is not like **the offense** [lit. trespass/false step]. For if by the **one man's offense** [Adam] **many died**, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the **one Man**, Jesus Christ, **abounded to many**. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

- **Adam's Offense** led to Sin/Condemnation
- **Jesus Free Gift** leads to Righteousness/Justification

17 For if [since] by the **one man's** offense **death reigned** through the one, much more those who receive **abundance of grace** and of **the gift of righteousness will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Death/Disaster once reigned in our lives because of Adam's sin
Life/Victory now reign in our lives because of Jesus' obedience

- **Grace**
 1. **Positionally** Salvation for Heaven
 2. **Practically** Ability to stand on Earth

- **Righteousness**
 1. **Positionally** Right standing before God in Heaven
 2. **Practically** Ability to do right on Earth

18 Therefore, as through **one man's offense judgment** came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through **one Man's righteous act** the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

First and Last Adam: Two Men/Two Choices/Two Outcomes

Offensive Act	Disobey God	Judgement	Condemnation	Spiritual Death
Righteous Act	Obey God	Salvation	Justification	Everlasting Life

Two Gardens and Two Choices

Garden of Eden	Choice that led to death our separation from God
Garden of Gethsemane	Choice that led to Eternal Life/Our oneness with God

19 For as by **one man's disobedience** many were made sinners, so also by **one Man's obedience** many will be made righteous.

Many made Righteous

Narrow Road bumper to bumper/ Travelers as many as the stars we can see

- Adam many made sinners
- Jesus **many made alive...**

Ephesians 2:1 And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 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, 3 among whom 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.4 **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [By Grace you have been saved!]

20 Moreover the **law entered that the offense might abound.**

Paraphrase: The law entered only that the offence might be brought to light and dealt with

Romans 3:20 ... by the law is the **knowledge of sin.**

When the law is made known...Offenses abound. **Why?**
...because man is rebellious by nature

When the law is revealed, sinful man gets excited. They now know what God hates and because unregenerated man hates God they gleefully purposefully choose to do the exact opposite of His will. [NJC]

- E.g., Smoking weed was fun **till it became legal**. Once law said OK...no longer fun

More Knowledge of God's will/More Accountability

How accountable is the world after the very Son of God came?

John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they **would have no sin**, but now they have **no excuse for their sin**.

- **Jesus raised the bar higher than the law...**They say Murder and Adultery are sin
- **I say...** anger is murder/lust is adultery...**Since Jesus we are more accountable**

The more the Law is made known...The more sinful man sins

20... But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin abounded in Saul...Grace abounded even more in Paul

1 Timothy 1:13 [Paul] ...although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I **obtained mercy** because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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