

Standing in Grace: From Suffering to Hope

Romans 5:1–5

Key Truth (Romans 5:1–2)

Because we are justified by faith, we now have:

1. Peace with God

Our sin no longer separates us from Him.

2. Access into Grace

Through Jesus, we are welcomed into God's favor and presence.

3. Hope of God's Glory

We have a confident future with God.

What Does It Mean to “Stand in Grace”?

Grace is not just a one-time gift of forgiveness.

It is a **new position** and **new way of living**.

In this grace we have:

- Acceptance
- Forgiveness
- Relationship with God
- Security
- Daily help and strength

We do not visit grace occasionally.

We live in it.

The Growth Chain (Romans 5:3–5)

God does not waste suffering.

He uses it to grow our faith.

Step 1: Suffering

Trials, pressures, hardships, and difficulties.

Step 2: Endurance

The strength to remain faithful and not give up.

Step 3: Proven Character

Faith that has been tested and refined.

Step 4: Hope

A deeper, stronger confidence in God's promises.

Step 5: Assurance

“The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

Big Idea

Because we are justified by faith:

- Our **past** is forgiven.
- Our **present** is secure in grace.
- Our **future** is filled with hope.

Even our sufferings have purpose.

They are part of God's process to build endurance, character, and unshakable hope.

Fill in the Blank Review (Romans 5:1–5)

1. We are justified by _____.
2. Because of justification, we now have _____ with God.
3. Through Jesus, we have gained _____ into grace.
4. We stand in God's _____.
5. We rejoice in the hope of the _____ of God.
6. Suffering produces _____.
7. Endurance produces proven _____.
8. Proven character produces _____.
9. Hope does not _____ us.
10. God's _____ has been poured into our hearts through the Holy _____.

Reflection Questions

1. Where have you seen God use hardship to grow your faith?
2. What trial in your life right now might God be using to build endurance?
3. How does knowing your hope is secure change the way you face suffering?

Key Verse to Remember

“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God...
suffering produces endurance,
endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint.”
— Romans 5:2–5