

Romans 5 – 27 December 2020

“Hope & Peace On Earth”

Introduction

*Paul wrote to the Roman church the greatest document on our salvation that there is

*Chap 1-2 - slavery to sin & need of righteousness

*Chap 3-4 - how righteousness is given

*Today we'll be in Romans chapter 5

*In chap 6-8 – Paul will talk about growing in sanctification in this new life in Christ that we've been gifted...but before that Romans 5

*Now that the acquisition of righteousness from Christ has been described, **this chap 5 identifies four benefits of having this righteousness from God**

1st benefit of having righteousness from God is peace with God (Vs 1-2a)

Read Vs 1

1. Being justified is being made righteous
 - a. Justified - “Just as if I’d” never sinned
 - b. We believe Christ has gifted, by His grace, this righteousness to us
2. First benefit of this gift is peace with God
 - a. Don’t miss how this was accomplished
 - b. Accomplished thru Jesus work on the cross
3. Fulfillment of peace offered at the birth of Christ
 - a. Read Luke 2:14 – Peace toward men of good will – *Never intended to mean global peace*
 - b. Read Matt 10:34 – one person shall be divided against another based on who Christ is – *so there’s division even within a household, but there can now be union ANYWHERE*
 - c. Turn to Eph 2:13-15 – Union w/ Christ makes peace will ALL who will come
 - d. Read Isa 9:6-7 – This peace knows no end!

Read Vs 2a

1. Peace = access into God's grace
2. Peace is to be at one with God
3. What God has, is offered to us

2nd benefit of having righteousness from God is hope of experiencing God's glory (Vs 2b)

Read Vs 2b

1. Look forward to seeing God receive glory
 - a. This glory is weightiness
 - b. It's an accounting term – *to judge as having great value*
2. Rev 5 – “Thou art worthy to take the book...”
3. And as the Lord prepares for His 2nd coming, that great scene in heaven (Read Rev 19:1)

3rd benefit of having righteousness from God is hope as we endure life's trials (Vs 3-5)

Read Vs 3

1. This word glory is the word for rejoice

2. So we not only rejoice that we'll see God receiving glory (vs 2b), but we can rejoice knowing that the trials of this life have purpose
 - a. The things we go thru are meant to take us somewhere.
 - b. Our trials are meant to build (work) something in us

Read Vs 4

1. Trouble builds patience, & that builds experience
 - a. Experience is the same root word as glory
 - b. Our troubles build real substance of our lives
2. See for a Christian, all the troubles of life should lead us to an expectation of hope of the good that is to come.

Read Vs 5

1. This is a sure hope that would never make you shame-faced or disappoint you. (I Pet 1:3)
2. God's love within us now is the proof that God will fulfill our expectation of good things to come!

4th benefit of having righteousness from God is full reconciliation with God (Vs 6-11)

Read Vs 6-8

1. We weren't good people, we were helpless
2. We weren't just helpless; we were rebels on purpose and God died for us
3. In some ways and for some people, there are those that risk a little or a lot to help or save others
 - a. Soldiers volunteer to sacrifice for others
 - b. But why would someone save a dirty rebel?
 - i. Vs 9 is the answer – B/c God loves us
 - ii. Love is an action verb – Read I John 3:16

Read Vs 9-10

1. If Jesus was willing to die for ungodly rebels, then we can believe we'll be saved from God's judgement day (wrath) b/c we have Christ's life within
2. God didn't just help us to later harm us, His help is eternal help!

Read Vs 11

1. Not only were we bought, not only were we saved from wrath to come, we can now enjoy our righted relationship with God
2. God didn't just help us, He wanted to help us!
3. God wanted to reconcile us. (The word atonement in vs 11)
 - a. Reconcile – an exchange or adjustment of a difference.
 - b. We're not just people allowed into the presence of God.
 - i. We're people God wants in His presence
4. Peace vs Reconciliation
 - a. Peace – God is no longer against us
 - b. Reconciliation – God is in love with us

Now w/ chap 1-5 being addressed to any who will come, there's transition b4 we can go into chap 6-8

See chap 6-8 deals with growing in this new grace, being sanctified...these chapters don't apply to all.

You have a choice to make. Will you remain dead in Adam or will you accept life in Christ? (12-21)

Read Vs 12

1. Paul knew that Adam was real; he was the entering in of sin & death that passed to all people
 - a. Read I Cor 15:21-22 - 1st death of any kind happened b/c of Adam
 - b. Read Matt 19:4 – They were in the beginning
 - c. Gen 3:20 – Eve was the mother of all living
 - d. So, A & E couldn't have been standing on millions of years' worth of dead things.
2. B/c of Adam's sin, all have sinned

Read Vs 13-14

1. Law of Moses didn't create the sin which led to death, sin has always been since Adam.
 - a. This is evidenced by the fact the there was sin & death in world from Adam to Moses
2. The stain of sin and death is pictured in Adam
 - a. This is beyond the Law of Moses
 - b. Adam is a prototype, there's another to come

3. Adam & Jesus

- a. They are the only two men
 - i. Only 2 that were sinless from the beginning
 - ii. Only 2 that their work has consequences for ALL the rest of us
- b. You're either in Christ's freedom or you're still in your sin from Adam's flesh.

Read Vs 15

1. Thru Adam's crime we're made sinners, under Christ's gift of grace we all can be made righteous
2. Read Isa 53:11 – Offer is to all, only some receive

Read Vs 16-17

1. Death came by one crime of Adam, Life came by Jesus to cover a multitude of crimes
 - a. 1 crime of Adam's led to lots of sin & death
 - b. Lots of sin & death was covered by one obedient life; that of Jesus Christ!
2. Read I Cor 15:45 – Jesus is the final MAN & He brings life, not death

Read Vs 18-19

1. The ability to be obedient to God is the power of righteousness
2. This can only be found in Christ Jesus!
3. By His obedience to God, He offered to us as a free gift, His righteousness

Read Vs 20-21

1. The Law came to make the sinfulness of sin much more pronounced
 - a. The Law made it easy to see that sin deserves death
2. But the Law also makes the amazingness of God's grace much more pronounced
 - a. The Law made it easy to see that God's gift of His righteousness to us is a huge gift!

Conclusion

So there are amazing benefits to accepting life in Jesus Christ by faith

1. **We can have peace with God**
 - a. As the angels sang at the birth of Christ, we can have oneness with God Almighty
 - b. We now have access into the grace of God
2. **We can have hope of experiencing God's Glory**
 - a. Do you look forward to experiencing firsthand God's great value and worth?
3. **We can have hope as we endure life's trials**
 - a. Rejoice knowing problems have a purpose
 - b. We can have a SURE hope that God has a perfect eternity for us
4. **We can have full reconciliation with God**
 - a. We've been brought in not as servants, but as adopted children of the king of eternity!

Before chap 6 – there's a choice to make

1. You're either still in your Adamic sin, or you've accepted Christ's offer of a new nature
2. Choose to accept the free gift of eternal life!
3. That's when you'll find true peace on earth!!