

## Romans 5:1-5

### Righteousness Revealed in Justification – 3:21-5:21

Chapters 5 through 8 show how the gospel furnishes power to the justified to live a radical new life! Chapter 5 is a transition to chapters 6 through 8.

*Life* is mentioned only 3 times in chapters 1 – 4. *Life* is mentioned 25 times in chapters 5 – 8!

#### Verse 1

*Therefore* – Points back to the truth of justification by faith alone and signals that what follows rests on this truth. Paul gives 7 benefits of justification by faith. The first is the certainty of our justification.

#### Benefit 1:

*Having been justified* – This is an aorist participle which looks back at a finished act.

#### Benefit 2:

*We have peace with God* – A present possession stemming from our past justification.  
*Through our Lord Jesus Christ* – Not only is our past justification secure through Jesus Christ because of His death for our sins, our present relationship is available because of His life.

#### Verse 2

#### Benefit 3:

*We have access* – This word is only used three times in the New Testament, all by Paul, and in each context it is a reference to the believer's privilege of approaching the Father's throne. Note Ephesians 2:18, 3:12.

*By faith* – As peace with God comes by faith, so also justifying faith grants us access to God's throne to praise, pray, or petition Him.

*Faith* – The word is used 40 times in Romans.

Romans 1 – 4 = 25 times

Romans 5 – 8 = 2 times

Romans 9 – 16 = 13 times

*Into this grace in which we stand* – The same grace that justifies us also enables us to live or experience eternal life. This is a permanent, accomplished position that has ongoing benefits.

*We exult in hope of the glory of God* -

PAST – We are justified by faith!

PRESENT – We have peace and access to God!

FUTURE – We look forward to our participation in the glory of God!

All phases of God's salvation are reason for us to rejoice!

#### Verse 3

#### Benefit 4:

*We can rejoice in suffering!* WHY? Tribulations or sufferings produce three results or qualities:

- 1 Perseverance
- 2 Proven Character
- 3 Hope

#### Verse 4

- 1 *Perseverance* – The continued capacity to bear-up under difficulties.
- 2 *Proven Character* – Character that is validated by the one persevering.
- 3 *Hope* – The expectation of glorifying God and being approved by Him when He appears.

#### Verse 5

*This hope does not disappoint* – It will not allow us to be put to shame.

#### Benefit 5: The indwelling Holy Spirit!

*The love of God has been poured out within our hearts* – We know or realize God's love through our experience of tribulations.

WHY? The indwelling Holy Spirit!

*Through the Holy Spirit who was given to us* – The Holy Spirit is given to all believers at the moment of justification for the purpose of aiding us in life and suffering. Note John 14:16-17, 26, 16:7, 13-15.

#### Seven benefits of justification by faith:

- 1 Our past justification is secure.
- 2 We have peace with God.
- 3 We have access to God.
- 4 We can exult in tribulations.
- 5 We have the indwelling Holy Spirit.