

I. We Possess Oneness with God (1-2)

- A. Our guilt is gone (1a) - “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith...”
- B. That war is over (1b) - “...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- C. The future is certain (2) - “Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

II. We Experience Growing Strength (3-4)

- A. An unconventional approach to our pain (3a) - “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings...”
- B. An uncompromised commitment to God’s process (3b-4) - “...knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...”
- C. An unparalleled revelation of God’s presence (5) - “...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

III. We Marvel at Being Pursued (6-8)

- A. We were all unlikely candidates (6) - “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”
- B. Jesus displays an unusual commitment (7) - “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die...”
- C. We have all received unparalleled care (8) - “...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

IV. We Rejoice in His Full Acceptance (9-11)

- A. Perfect standing before God, right now! (9a) - “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood...”
- B. No fear of the wrath of God, right now! (9b) - “...much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.”
- C. Relational peace with God, right now! (10-11) - “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”