

Discussion Questions

April 25 – May 1

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. Read **Romans 3:21-24** and **Romans 5:1**. What does it mean that a believer is “justified” by faith?
2. Read **Romans 5:1-5**. We said this weekend to rejoice means “to boast or glory in something.” Our first point came from Romans 5:1: ***In Christ, justified believers boast of their eternal peace.*** We discussed this weekend the reality of the wrath of God and hell. Read **Matthew 10:28**, **Romans 5:9** and **John 16:33**. Describe the difference between experiencing peace with God and experiencing the wrath of God. How should the difference between the two cause a believer to boast in Jesus and share their eternal peace with those who don’t know him?
3. Read **Romans 5:2**, we said this weekend: ***In Christ, justified believers boast of their intimacy with God.*** Read **Matthew 27:50-51** and **Hebrews 10:19-20**; only by God’s grace through Jesus do we have direct access to the Living God. Do we sometimes take for granted the direct access we have to the presence of God? Why is that?
4. Read **Romans 5:3-5** and **Hebrews 6:19**, we said this weekend: ***In Christ, justified believers boast of their anchored hope.*** What does that mean, that we have an anchored hope in Jesus? Read **James 1:2**. Why and how can a believer in the midst of trials “count it all joy” and “rejoice in our sufferings?”
5. Read **Romans 5:8** and **Romans 8:38-39**. We said this weekend: ***In Christ, justified believers boast of God’s everlasting love.*** Spend some time sharing how you have experienced the everlasting love of God through Jesus. Then spend some time praising God, boasting in him, for his eternal peace, intimacy, hope and love we have through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bible References

Romans 3:21-24

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 5:1-5

⁵ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] rejoice^[d] in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a]

Romans 5:9

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

John 16:33

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Matthew 27:50-51

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Hebrews 10:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers,^[a] since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Hebrews 6:19

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

James 1:2

² Count it all joy, my brothers,^[a] when you meet trials of various kinds,

Romans 5:8

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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