

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Join us from 9:30-10 am for a **time of fellowship** before the worship service.

Please sign-in your children for **Nursery and Kids' Church**.

Middle School Youth Group
Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 pm

Communion today

Food Drive today

Recreate the last few sacrificial days of Jesus on **The Way of the Cross**. Self guided or narrated tours are available, Easter week, April 10-16.

Our **Easter Service** will be at the usual time, 10 am, Apr 17.

Several churches in Kona are sponsoring the **Community Sunrise Service** at the soccer fields at Old As. Apr 17 at 6 am.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

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Romans 5:1-11

Big Idea: In his ongoing effort to deepen our faith and increase our joy, Paul continues to unpack the depth and significance of what it means that we are "justified through faith in Jesus."

- Christ's Death
- Christ's Resurrected Life

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Context of where we are in Romans: Hope as a Result of Righteousness by Faith (Romans 5:1-21)

Assurance of Hope (Romans 5:1-11)

1. What does it mean to have peace with God, and how is it accomplished? How is this different from and superior to peaceful circumstances or feelings?
2. What access do believers have through Jesus Christ, and how should this privilege impact our daily lives? (see also John 14:6; Ephesians 2:18; 3:12; Hebrews 4:14-16)
3. How is Christian hope (verse 2) different from the way most people think of hope?
4. Paul's hope is not a speculative thing. It is a joyful expectation. Why?
5. How might focusing on the "hope of the glory of God" strengthen us, comfort us, or give us joy today?
6. Why and how can believers rejoice in suffering (verses 3-5)? How has God used your suffering to produce perseverance, character, hope, and a deeper knowledge of His love in you and in those around you?
7. Why does Paul say that hope does not put us to shame (verse 5)?
8. What is the significance of noting that Christ died for us "while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8)?
9. From verses 6-8, what are some of the words used to describe the condition of those for whom Christ died. Why is this good news?
10. How might verses 6-8 help us explain why Christianity is unique as compared with other religions and philosophies?
11. Define reconciliation. Is God reconciled to us, or are we reconciled to God? What does this reveal about God?
12. How are we saved through Christ's life? What words or actions can we use to "rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ"? (see also Romans 4:25; 6:8-10; 8:34)