

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
A Study in the Book of Romans

Peace and Hope

Romans 5:1-11

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

Read Romans 5:1-5.

1. According to Paul, how are we justified?
2. How did Jesus gain us access to “this grace in which we now stand” (v. 2a)? (Matt. 27:50-51)

What happened at that moment that illustrates that the barrier between God and man has been removed?

3. When we read statements like “we have peace with God” (v. 1) and “hope does not put us to shame” (v. 5), we tend to associate them with how we might *feel*. But Paul is stating fact, not describing feelings. What phrases follow these statements that show the basis on which Paul can speak with such certainty?
4. Describe the difference between rejoicing *because of* suffering and rejoicing *in* suffering. Which does Paul say that believers do?
5. What benefits does *Paul* say are the result of suffering? (vv. 3-5)
6. What benefits does *James* say are the result of suffering? (James 1:2-4, 12)
7. What benefits does *Peter* say are the result of suffering? (I Peter 1:6-7)
8. How will these passages help *you* to respond to your suffering?

Read Romans 5:5–11.

9. In verses 6–10, Paul uses four different words that describe us before we are reconciled to God. What are they and in what ways do they reveal our need of him?

10. Paul indicates that there is both subjective proof and objective proof of God’s love for us. How does God evidence his love for us *inwardly*? (v. 5)

How has he evidenced his love for us *outwardly*? (v. 8)

11. What part does each member of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) play in making God’s love real to us? (vv. 5, 6, 11)

12. According to verse 10, were we God’s enemy or was he our enemy?

Is there any significance to the way Paul puts this statement? Why or why not?

13. These verses refer in a variety of ways to the death of Jesus and the good that comes as a result. According to Paul, what benefits *do* come from his death? (vv. 9-10)

14. Paul’s argument in verses 9–11 impresses upon us how unreserved and unbounded is God’s love for those who believe. Restate these three verses in your own words.

Review Romans 5:1–11.

15. Three times in this passage Paul tells his readers to rejoice (boast, glory). What does he say we are to rejoice in? (vv. 2, 3, 11)

16. Read this passage out loud making all the pronouns first person singular (i.e., substitute “I” for “we,” “my” for “our,” etc.), then list the phrases that describe your relationship to God.

How could you use these phrases to share your faith with someone who doesn’t know Jesus?