

Blessings of Justification
Romans 5:1-11

VS. 1-

Therefore...

Up to this point in the book Paul has established that we are justified by faith...not works

We have been justified by faith...

--Justified= declared righteous

--We HAVE BEEN We are not waiting on it

--This allows us to have...PEACE WITH GOD!!

PEACE WITH GOD

What it is...

- Reconciliation—restored relationship...as with a guilty and rebellious people to a generous King (Rom. 5:10, Col. 1:19-23)

What it is not...

- Peace of God...Phil. 4:7 // Col. 3:15
- Peaceful Circumstances / No Concerns / An Easy Life

We will still battle sin, flesh, world, evil forces, etc...but we have been given peace with God...in the midst of all the other battles we can experience peace with Him.

How our peace with God is gained...

- Through Jesus Christ (5:8-9 // Col. 1:19-23)

VS. 2-

Introduction into grace in which we stand...

- Introduction = Access (the idea of being brought before royalty) Heb. 4:16
- Grace = Charity
- Are you standing in the grace?? Are you receiving it for yourself?
- It is gained by faith...not our works---therefore you have grace to stand in if you believe---you do not have to work for it!!

We exult in the hope of the glory of God...

- Exult = rejoice, jump up in jubilation
--to be pleased, delighted, celebrate, enjoy, take pleasure in
- Hope of the glory of God
---Rom. 8:18-25- When we are revealed (as a firework)
---Rom 8:29-30
---1 JN 3:2-3
- In our "revealing" God will be glorified because of HIS WORK for us!!
---While we are in this body it is only a hope

VS. 3-

Not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations...

- Tribulations-(Greek) pressure / crushing / "stress"
--We get our English word from the Latin~ "tribulum" a threshing board, a heavy piece of material with spikes in it...used to separate wheat from chaff
- We are told to rejoice in tribulations...this is something you will have to CHOOSE TO DO --I suggest making a list of your tribulations...then having a time daily of rejoicing over each one of them
- You may think..."Oh it's easy to rejoice in the 'hope of the glory of God'...but not my tribulations
- Think about the things that have caused you to grow closer to God and more mature as a believer...chances are they were tribulations.
- 2 Cor. 4:7-18

Tribulations bring about perseverance...

- Perseverance= literally; bear up under
--Implies...Patience, endurance, loyalty to the faith (James 1)
--The opposite would be to squirm out from underneath

VS. 4-

Perseverance brings proven character...

- Proven character= Proof, Experience
- Proven Character is the gold that has successfully sustained the fiery test---A specimen of tried worth

Proven character brings hope...

- Hope= Confidence, positive expectation, assurance
--EX: you put your money each week in the bank, because you have hope in the banking system...not because you 'hope' they will keep it for you
- 2 Cor. 1:3-11 (vs. 8 uses same word that is used in Rom. 5:3 tribulation)

Note:God does give us more than WE can handle, but He does not give us more than WE CAN HANDLE WITH HIM!!

The result of approved character mentioned above, in turn produces hope...the certainty that God will do even more good to us in the future.

The fact that tribulations would produce something so beautiful demonstrates that God has our best interest in mind

God even used sufferings in Christ life to make Him even more perfect to us

- Heb. 5:8-9 (perfect-something brought to it's complete and perfect end)

VS. 5-

Hope does not disappoint...

- Disappoint = to make ashamed
- The hope we have in God will not be disappointed
--He has started a work in us and He will complete it
--Because of Gods love for us, which is demonstrated through His pledge of the Spirit.

EX: Fiancé who has a ring, but her future husband has had to go out of town to work and also prepare a home for her. Her hope would not be disappointed as she looked down and saw the ring as the pledge of love and hope for the future

Love of God has been poured out in our lives...

- Gods love for us...needs to be our realization (Rom. 8:35-39)
- The present work of the Spirit in our lives confirms the "pledge / engagement" that we have been granted.
--Rom. 8:23 // Eph 1:13-14

SO...As we rejoice in God's ultimate plan for us and in God's present work in us (even through tribulations) we can see the love God has for us, which is demonstrated by the pledge of the Holy Spirit.

Connection between 1 Cor. 13:11-13 and Romans 5:1-5 // *faith, hope, love*

Before we go on let's review the blessings of being justified...

- I have been declared (made) righteous
- I have peace with God
- I have obtained an introduction (access) to God's grace
- I can continue to stand in His grace
- I can expect to be revealed/transformed in a way that brings glory to God
- I can expect tribulations to produce endurance
- I can expect endurance to produce experience (proven character)
- I can expect experience to produce hope in God's plan for me
- I can be hopeful because God's love has been poured out in my life
- I have been sealed and given a pledge through the Holy Spirit

It's as if Paul can read my mind...that I sometimes need to be convinced even more to have hope in God's work and love for me!!!

VS. 6

We were HELPLESS and UNGODLY, yet He died for us

VS. 7

Righteous Man---religiously upright man (as a Pharisee)

Good Man---One whose does good out of a sincere heart

VS. 8

God's love was demonstrated to us (while we were still SINNERS) through the death of His Son

VS. 9

Now that we have been justified by His blood...we have been saved from the wrath of God

VS. 10

If while we were enemies, He reconciled Himself to us by the death of His Son... THEN...won't we continued to be saved (sanctified) by His life???

Rom.8:10-11

Heb. 4:14-16

Heb 7:25

VS. 11

Rejoice in the reconciliation that we have NOW!!!