

INCREDIBLY BLESSED!

{Do You Know Your Blessings in Christ? Romans 5:1-5}

E. The BLESSINGS of JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE. (5:1-11) Two Preliminary Comments:

- The word “_____” {5:1} acts as a hinge word connecting Romans 3:21-4:25 to Romans 5:1-11.
- God makes it clear that every believer has been **BLESSED** with **ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST** so that every truly born-again Christian is **COMPLETE** in Christ. {Ephesians 1:3; Col. 2:10} Thus, the following stated spiritual blessings are only a _____ listing of what every believer in Christ possesses because of Jesus Christ and the grace of God.

1. Because of Jesus Christ, in the *past* we have been: _____ . {5:1a}

- What does “justified” mean? to be _____.
- Is this a present process or a past completed reality?
- Who declared you righteous? On what basis? How did it become yours?
- How do we know that this justification before God belongs to us?

2. Because of Jesus Christ, in the *present* we have: _____ . {5:1b}

- What exactly does “peace” mean and who is this with?
- When is this possessed? How was this provided or accomplished?
- What must this be distinguished from?
- How do we know that this “peace with God” belongs to us?

3. Because of Jesus Christ, in the *present* we have: _____ . {5:2a}

- What exactly does “access” mean & who does this apply to?
- How was this access into God’s grace provided or accomplished?
- What is true about the believer regarding God’s grace?
- What must this standing be distinguished from?
- How do we know this unlimited access into God’s grace belongs to us?

4. **Because of Jesus Christ, regarding the *future* we have:** _____ . {5:2b}

- What does “hope” mean scripturally?
- What is “hope” referring to in this context?
- Is this supported in other passages in Romans?
- How does this relate to the 3 tenses or phases of salvation?
- How do we know that this belongs to us?
- How does this motivate believers to respond?

5. **Because of our access to God’s grace, in the *present* we have:** _____ . {5:3-4}

- What should you assume and even expect will occur in your Christian life? What does this mean?
- What must you recognize about the kinds of trials & sufferings in your life?
- How can the believer correctly respond in his / her tribulations? What are the keys for this?
- The believer needs to know that God allows and uses tribulations to produce or develop within you:
 - (1) _____ – this involves courageous endurance under testing or the heavy loads in life because you are learning how to walk by faith in God’s plan & promises one step at a time by grace. What is a scriptural balance regarding ‘perseverance’?
 - (2) _____ – which is developed through the trials of life in refining our perspectives, values, faith, etc. in making us more like the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (3) _____ – a scriptural confidence and expectation of future blessings by God due to faith-resting in His promises.

6. **Because the _____ has been poured out in our hearts by the _____ who has been given to us in the *past*, we have the *future* _____ DY.** {5:5}

- How is the Holy Spirit connected with this absolute assurance & eternal security? {2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13- 14, 4:30}
- Why is our future hope certain and why does it not disappoint? {Romans 5:6-10, 8:35-39}
- Because of the provision of Jesus Christ, our possessions in Christ, and the unfailing promises of God, we can have the absolute assurance that one day our faith will become _____.
- How does all of this apply to you?