

The Life Changing Gospel

Romans 5:1-11

Introduction

- Romans is rich with life changing truth. Paul is EXCITED.
- Vs 2 He uses the word REJOICE
- Vs 3 He uses the word GLORY
- Vs 11 He uses the word JOY
- Paul says there are some things we ought to be happy about. He's just explained what it means to be a Christian in this section on salvation now he's going to talk about the **results** of being a Christian.
- "Therefore" – Paul in summarizing the previous four chapters of Romans, say in light of everything God's said about how man is sinful and he can't make it on his own, but God saves us, not because we deserve it, earn it, work hard for it, but simply because of our faith in God's grace -- therefore IN LIGHT OF THE FACT that God makes us Christians by GRACE, because of this we have some spectacular benefits that we ought to REJOICE about.

We've seen HOW to be JUSTIFIED...WHAT JUSTIFICATION is...now we'll look at the "Effects of JUSTIFICATION on our life"...

NOTE: The times he uses personal possessive pronouns 'we' 'us' and 'our'...

Paul is bursting with joy in the benefits that **WE** have...

He says, **WE** ought to rejoice because of what God has done for **US**...

REV: The first BENEFIT of being a BELIEVER is...

- 1) We have **PEACE** with God
- 2) We have **ACCESS** to God
- 3) We have a **HOPE** in life
- 4) Our problems have a **PURPOSE**
- 5) We have **GOD'S LOVE** in our hearts
- 6) We have the **HOLY SPIRIT** inside of us
- 7) We have **ETERNAL SECURITY** Vs 9

Review from last week

I. We have PEACE with God v. 1

- A. The condition of the sinner or the man without Christ
 - A. Enemy of God Romans 5:10
 - B. Sin is rejecting His Lordship and that makes us His enemy Romans 8:7 **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be**
 - C. They have no peace Isaiah 48:22 **There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.**
- B. Justified by faith.
 - A. Romans 5:1 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**
 - B. This is something that has happened. It is a finished act or work. Justified is in past tense Romans 4:8 **Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin**
- C. We have peace with God.
 - A. Romans 5:1 **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

II. We have ACCESS to God v. 2

- A. The Jews couldn't get to the Holy of Holiest because of the veil Luke 23:45 **And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.**
- B. The Gentiles were outside the wall Ephesians 2:14 **For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**
- C. We have access Ephesians 2:18 **For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**
- D. Jesus opens the door to God and ushers us in. And when we get there, we find not condemnation. We don't find judgment. We don't find vengeance. We don't find anger. We don't find hatred. We don't find hostility. **We find undeserved, unmerited, unending grace.** And God is free to do that because Christ has fully paid the penalty for all our sins.

III. We have a HOPE in life Vs 2-3

- A. NT hope does not mean wishful thinking. NT hope means confidence. Hope means "I'm confident it will work out."
- B. We were saved and understood at the time of our salvation that this meant we were headed for heaven.
- C. Jesus says in John 14 we have a place prepared for us!

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1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The security of the believer is

- anchored in the past because Christ made peace with God at the cross.
- maintained in the present because we stand in grace
- guaranteed for the future because we were saved in hope.

- End of review -

IV. Our problems have a **PURPOSE** Vs 3-4

- A. We don't suffer in VAIN. God does not waste suffering.
- B. Our sufferings have a new **PURPOSE**
 1. Tribulations bring patience
 2. Patience brings experience
 3. Experience brings hope
- C. Suffering for righteousness sake.
 1. Honor to bare the marks of Christ.
 2. It is great joy to see His sustaining grace during these times.

3. It is used of God to help conform us to the image of his son.
4. 2 Cor 12 we see as Paul suffered His communion with God in prayer grew.
5. Do you not think the “fiery furnace” was a joyful experience for the 3 Hebrew boys.

D. Chastisement for sin

1. The trouble we bring on ourselves because of sin.
2. A loving purpose in our chastisement. Hebrews 12 **7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. **9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? **10** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that **we might be partakers of his holiness.**

As a Christian: You have the same problems as other people (Christians are not exempt from problems; they have just as many as other people) but now the problems take on a new meaning. **Your suffering produces perseverance, produces character, produces hope.**

E. But we glory **IN** tribulations..." circle "in"

1. There is a distinct difference between the words **IN** and **BECAUSE OF**. We rejoice **IN** our sufferings not **BECAUSE OF** our sufferings
2. **1 Thes 5.18** “**IN** everything give thanks...” Not **BECAUSE OF** everything give thanks
3. **REJOICE** because there is a **PURPOSE** in my problem.
4. Look at Paul’s sufferings that he went through... **2 Cor. 11:23–27** “**Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. [24] Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. [25] Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; [26] In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; [27] In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.**”

5. **THEN** in the next chapter Paul tells his attitude towards these problems...**2 Cor. 12:10** “Therefore I take pleasure **IN** infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: (WHY can he be positive and rejoicing in pain) for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

He realized there is a **PURPOSE** behind his PROBLEMS

God's number one purpose in your life is to make you like Jesus Christ. God wants you to think, act, love the way Christ thinks, act, and loves. So we are commanded to take up a cross and we will endure tribulation – BUT IT HAS A PURPOSE!

V. We have GOD'S LOVE in our hearts Vs 5

- A. This should speak volumes to our new ability to be loving people!
- B. Shed abroad – no small amount – it spreads to every corner of the heart.
- C. All this has occurred because of God's great love for us.
- D. William Cowper said it so beautifully, "ever since by faith, I saw the stream by flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme and shall be until I die."
- E. Jesus demonstrated this love for us on the cross. v.8 **But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**
- F. He died for the ungodly. He died for the ones nailing Him to the cross. v.6
- G. He loved us so much He gave us the Holy Spirit.

VI. We have the HOLY SPIRIT inside of us vs 5

- A. TO ME this is one of the most amazing aspects of JUSTIFICATION...when you stop to realize that we have the 3rd person of the trinity **INDWELLING US!!!**
- B. The Holy Spirit **COMFORTS** us...
- C. **Acts 9:31** speaks of “...the **COMFORT** of the Holy Spirit”
- D. **John 14:26** “the **COMFORTER**, which is the Holy Ghost...”
- E. The Holy Spirit **TEACHES** us...**Jn 14:26** “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, HE SHALL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

F. The Holy Spirit **POINTS US TO CHRIST**... **Jn 15:26** "...the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, HE SHALL TESTIFY OF ME"

G. The Holy Spirit **STRENGTHENS** us **Ephes. 3:16** "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT** by his Spirit in the inner man"

H. The Holy Spirit **LEADS** us **Galatians 5:18** "But if ye be **LED** of the Spirit, ye are not under the law"

I. The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** us of sin **John 16:8** "And when he is come, he will **REPROVE THE WORLD OF SIN**, and of righteousness, and of judgment

J. The Holy Spirit **EMPOWERS** **Acts 1:8** "But ye shall receive **POWER** after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."

VII. We have **ETERNAL SECURITY** Vs 9

A. **SHALL BE SAVED** from wrath – talking about the great tribulation and hell

B. When we were **JUSTIFIED** we were given an unconditional promise that we **SHALL BE SAVED** from wrath

C. Paul has just proven in four chapters you don't work for your salvation **AND** you don't stay saved by working for it.

D. Our security is not based on **OUR** faithfulness but on **GOD'S** faithfulness. It's not based on **OUR** works but on **CHRIST'S** finished work on the cross

E. "...we **SHALL BE SAVED** from wrath through him..."

CONCL: With all of these blessings and benefits that God has given us...
HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

Respond by **REJOICING** more Vs 11

Paul says, **BECAUSE** of these **BENEFITS** of being a **BELIEVER**...we should be the **HAPPIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD**...

Commit to living for Him

2 Cor. 5:14–15 "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: [15] And that he died for all, that they which **live should not henceforth live unto themselves**, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

We have been thoroughly equipped to live a radically different life!
We have been thoroughly furnished for good works!

**REALIZE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST
and rejoice!**

**REALIZE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST
and and live a life that reflects the changes He has made in your life!**