

The Effect of Being Justified (Romans 5:1-11)

I. We Have Peace With God Because we are Justified (v. 1-2)

A. Christ has given peace with God by Faith (1)

1. This peace comes from being justified by faith
2. This peace comes through Jesus Christ (faith in him)
 - a. This peace is not just a “warm, fuzzy feeling” of happiness
 - b. This is an end of hostilities
 - i. in the same way two countries at war make peace
 - ii. God is at war with sin and the sinner
- See (Ps. 11:5; Ps. 5:5, Prov. 6:16-19)
 - iii. Through Christ God and the sinner are at peace
 - iv. There is no more hostility (wrath, anger)

B. Christ has given Access to Grace (2a)

1. It is Christ who has given us access to grace
 - a. Grace is how peace with God is gained
 - i. Remember we haven’t “earned” anything
 - ii. Peace comes through God’s grace and forgiveness alone
 - b. Grace is what we stand in
 - i. We can be confident in His grace
 - ii. Nothing can remove us from this grace

C. Christ has given us Hope (2b)

1. Because of justification we can rejoice
2. We have hope of being glorified by God
3. We have hope eternally glorifying God in heaven

II. We Can Rejoice in the Tribulations of Life Because we are Justified (3-5a)

A. Tribulations Build Hope (sounds strange huh?) (3-4)

1. We know what God has in store for us (being glorified with Him)
2. Tribulation teaches us patience (3)
 - a. This patience is not just what we think of when we say “be patient”
 - b. This patience is not being comfortable while waiting
 - c. This patience is endurance – it is to take a licking from tribulation and keep on ticking for the Lord
3. Patience (endurance) teaches us experience (4)
 - a. When we survive a trial and come out stronger, we have experience to head into the next trial.
 - b. Experience teaches us that we are able to overcome
4. Experience teaches us hope
 - a. When we know we can overcome – we have hope for the future and the present

B. Hope is Free From Shame (5)

1. The hope we have (through tribulations) does not lead to shame
2. We know that our tribulations are not punishment which brings shame

- 3. There is no shame because there is no wrath for our sin
- 4. Wrath was taken on the cross by Jesus
 - a. Believers are disciplined when they sin so they will be brought back to the path of righteousness
 - b. Believers are not punished with the debt of sin (eternal separation from God)

III. We Hope in God's Love Because We are Justified (5b-8)

A. Hope Comes From God's Love for us (5)

- 1. We have hope without shame because of love
 - a. God's love is shed abroad in our hearts
 - i. This isn't just a "fuzzy feeling" love in our hearts
 - ii. This is God's love for us through Jesus Christ
 - iii. This is What Christ Paid for
 - instead of hatred from God, we have love
 - instead of war from God, we have peace
 - b. God's love is proven by the Holy Ghost in us
 - i. The proof that we have peace with God
 - He gives us Himself
 - He lives inside us
 - He declares war on our flesh instead of us

2. God Demonstrated His Great Love (6-8)

- a. Christ Died for us
 - i. When we were without strength (weakest)
 - ii. When we were completely ungodly
- b. No one will die for another man
 - i. Even if he is good or righteous
 - ii. No one will die for someone evil to him
- c. God demonstrated love
 - i. When we were his worst enemies
 - ii. He died for us

3. This is why we have hope

IV. We Rejoice in All Things Because we are Justified

A. By Christ We can Rejoice in the Future (9-10)

- 1. Because we are justified by His blood we know we will be saved from God's wrath
 - a. Of course we are already saved from wrath, but here the wrath is the final judgment of all mankind.
 - b. The judgment on the last day for those justified is "not guilty"
 - c. No matter what happens in life, there is coming a day when all will be made right
- 2. If God reconciled us when we were His worst enemies, how can we doubt that we will be saved at the last judgment because of his life
 - a. Remember His life of perfection is transferred to our account
 - b. The Judge (God the father) sees Christ's life at our judgment

c. If God is willing to save His enemies and change their hearts to love Him, how could we ever doubt He is willing to declare us holy by His Son on the day of judgment?

3. No matter what happens we can rejoice in our future

b. By Christ We can Rejoice in the Present (11)

1. "Not only So" – not just being saved from the wrath to come

2. "but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ" – present tense means a right now rejoicing.

3. Because we have been reconciled to God, we are not just cleared from future judgment. – We have a joyful relationship with Him through the atonement.

a. "Atonement" = satisfying a debt and paying for a wrong action.

b. Atonement is being at-one-ment = with God. It is being reconciled and reunited with Him through Christ.