



Peace With God

ROMANS 5:1-21

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **PEACE WITH GOD** through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2*

I. Peace with God provides a _____ in the Kingdom of Grace. (vv. 12-21)

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. v. 18

FIRST ADAM	SECOND "ADAM"
Made from earth	Came from heaven
Disobeyed by eating from the forbidden tree	Obedied by dying on the cursed tree
Disobedience brought death to all who sin	Obedience brought righteousness to all who believe
We stand condemned by our sin	We stand justified by grace

_____ *God's gracious ways as you learn them from living under the King of Grace.*

II. Peace with God provides an _____ of your future destination. (vv. 6-11)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. vv. 6-8

_____ *your identity daily to God's love demonstrated continually.*

III. Peace with God provides a _____ amidst life's struggles. (vv. 1-5)

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. vv. 3-5

_____ *in what God is doing as He shapes you through your suffering.*

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DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 5:1-21. How is *peace with God* different than *peace of mind*? Use any notes you took during the sermon to inform your answer.

2. How can having the right focus bring us joy in the midst of our struggles? What should we focus on?

3. Even though Christians have peace with God, we still struggle between *guilt* (our appropriate response to sin) and *grace* (God's response to our sin) this side of heaven. How has this struggle played out in your own life at times?

4. In what ways does the world prefer guilt over grace? Give examples you've seen.

5. How is God's way of grace a total paradigm shift from what the world has taught us about our own identity and about how to treat others?

6. What can you do this week for unsaved friends still suffering from the consequences of sin? Who needs to hear that through Jesus Christ they can have peace with God?

"Peace with God. There's more relief in those three words than any other. More than the words 'You are cured' to a cancer patient. More than 'You are free' to a death-row inmate. And it seems the more one comprehends the danger of God's fearsome wrath, the more one experiences the incredible relief of having peace with Him."

CHARLES SWINDOLL

"Like a chain which depends upon its weakest link, if God's Word is not absolutely and completely true, it is too weak a cable to fix our anchorage and guarantee our eternal peace."

A. B. SIMPSON

"A great many people are trying to make peace, but that has already been done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is to enter into it."

D. L. MOODY

"Affliction shows the power of Christ's blood, when it gives peace in an hour of trouble, when it can make happy in sickness, poverty, persecution and death. Do not be surprised if you suffer, but glorify God."

ROBERT MURRAY MCCRHEYNE

"We have peace with God as soon as we believe, but not always with ourselves."

WILLIAM GURNALL

"Earth is the closest that a non-Christian will ever get to heaven. Earth is the closest a believing Christian will ever get to hell."

JOHN HART

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9) "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God: "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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