

Romans 5:1-2 PEACE, ACCESS, Joy

- Today, we start chapter 5, Paul can pack a lot more verse...
- Sometimes it's difficult knowing where to go with this study...
- There are so many topics in just a few verses...
- I believe in these two verses we have 3 things we're

going to hit today...

- 3 is a good number... (8 is too many, EXPLAIN)

3 } - It Peace with God

3 } - Access into Grace

3 } - Joy in Glory

- So it's Peace Access Joy in God, Grace, Glory...

- I'm not a big fan of iteration, but it worked...

- Phil 3 is good...

- The bible says that "a threefold cord is not quickly broken" to take home...

- We want something strong + 3 is strong...

- We want something that will get the job done + 3 works...

PEACE

So #1. It's Peace

- "therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our LORD Jesus Christ."
- Let's remember where Paul was at
- He spoke a lot about Abraham - about how when Abraham believed & was counted to him for righteousness
- Chapt 1-4 So far, that has been the main theme, the main topic. → FAITH
- More specifically, JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
- What does justified mean?
- JUST AS IF I'D never sinned
- When we're saved, when we put our faith & trust in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, God will wash you as white as snow. He'll forgive your sin and make things JUST AS IF I'D never sinned.
- JUSTIFICATION - BY FAITH
- "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
- Believe in the LORD Jesus Christ & then shall he be saved
- Be Baptized & then -- NO
- Be Good & true -- NO
- Go to church -- NO
- Give to the poor -- NO
- * Believe in the LORD JESUS CHRIST & --

- Put your FAITH in Jesus. + JUSTIFIED IS WHAT YOU'LL BE.

- DOCTRINE - Justification by FAITH.

Paul say "Believe J & F --- we have peace with God ---" So that's the 1st Army.

- NO FAITH, NO PEACE.

- Now let me explain what kind of Peace I'm talking about.

- I want us to look at this in terms of WAR.

- I'm talking about the peace at the end of a WAR.

- When the VICTORY is won, there's peace.

- When the FIGHTING is over, there's peace.

- When the ENEMY surrenders, there is peace. (What do they mean?)

- When the FOE is vanquished & destroyed, there is peace.

I understand --- there's the peace of God that transcends all understanding. There heeey peace.

It'll guard our hearts & minds --- That's peace of the Christian life and we'll get to that.

But that's not what I'm talking about.

What are you really about? Expression: Have you made your peace with God?

- The only way you get peace in war is when the enemy surrenders or is defeated.

- JAPAN in WWII

- Germany

- Once the enemy is defeated & then he's occupied.

- AND THERE'S PEACE.....

- When there's peace we are no longer the enemy of God...

- I know that is a strange comparison, but think about that...

* When two nations are at war, one nation must surrender, if they don't they'll be annihilated... destroyed...

- Now God & man are at war. Someone is going to have to surrender or risk annihilation
= God ain't gonna lose... God don't have to surrender...

- We are (before you saved) the enemies of God...

- James said, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God... Whosoever therefore is a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

- READ vs. 9-10 in Romans 5

- If you don't surrender, it's WAR!!!

- But if you do, it's PEACE...

- God forgives... God crosses the enmity & replace it with friendship...

- We're enemies with God, not because God hates us, but he loves us... And we don't love him... We love love the world & sin & ourselves...

- But when we surrender, there's peace...

- When we believe in God, there's peace...

- When we put our faith & trust in the LORD JC,
there's Peace with God...

- No more fighting... & the victors occupied
what ~~was~~ was once our Territory...

- Paul said (1 Cor 6: 19) What? know ye
not that your body is the temple of the
Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of
God, and ye are not your own?

- ~~It~~ Funny thing is that we were never our own
we just thought we were...

- What are saying preahn? I'm saying that when
God occupies, he's taking what was rightfully his...

- There's no unrighteous ⁱⁿ God...

- God is not sneaky... Or taking that which
isn't his...

- He came into his own, and his own received
him not... But as many as received him, to
them gave he power to become the sons of God...

- Have you made Peace with God?

- Boy JBF, we have Peace with God...

- Have you been justified by Faith?

- If so it's Peace, If not, it's WRATH...
Friendship
Enemy

ACCESS to Grace

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- By whom also we have access by faith into this
grace where in we stand...
- READ 3X

- I think this is where the rubby meets the road...

- This is the Christian life right here... This is
for today + tomorrow + the next day...

- We have access. Access to what?

We have access into his grace.

= What exactly is grace? This is the way I
understand it...

- When I pray for you, "LORD GIVE ME GRACE TO
GET, THROUGH THIS DAY... THIS SITUATION...
THIS LIFE... THIS WORLD OF SIN..."

- When I pray for them, "LORD, GIVE THEM
GRACE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED..."

- LORD, I NEED A HELPING HAND... I NEED THEM...

- GRACE IS A HELPING HAND...

- AND THANK GOD WE HAVE ACCESS TO SOME HELP

- I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from
whence cometh my help... My help cometh from
the LORD, which made heaven + earth...

- Thank God for that Access...

- I need Access ^{to} the Help...

I need Access into Grace...

- I want to look at the verse again --
(READ)

- Why would you need access into a place you already stand?

- This tells me, it's possible to be saved to trust in God & STAND in his grace, but not take advantage of the grace when you stand --

- TO NOT ACCESS THE grace, THE helping hand --

- Hey, I'm not too spiritual to admit --
that I know what I'm really about --

- All the help we need is there, all the grace we need is there beneath our feet --
We're standing in it, but we don't access it --
we don't take advantage of God's grace --

- I'm standing on the Rock of Ages, but we'll turn every direction for help, but to ~~the~~ the Rock

- We'll turn to our friends, we'll turn to our uncles, we'll turn to worldly wisdom, but the answer is beneath our feet --

- THE GRACE WHEN WE STAND --

- God's grace --

- Jesus' ^{and} grace shall be sufficient for thee --

- God's grace is all I need to make it through this world, this life --

- Now how do we access this grace --

- We access it the same way we found it...

- BY FAITH...

- How did we find the grace of God... For by grace are we saved through Faith...

- VS 2 We have access BY FAITH into His grace...

- Believe in the LORD JC & Him...

- Believe in the LORD JC & through that have access into grace His helping hand...

- WORLD → seeing is believing

- CHRISTIAN LIFE → believe is seeing...

Ask & ye shall receive

SEEK & ye shall find

KNEEL & the door shall be opened unto you...

- God has never let us down...

- BY FAITH:

- Keep believing, keep trusting

- Keep depositing your faith into the banks of God's grace and it will bring results...

- Keep believing in God...

We have access by faith into His grace wherein we stand...

#3 Joy in the Glory of God

On the Hope of the Glory of God...

Review: #1 We have peace with God

#2 We have access into Grace

#3 Joy in the Glory of God...

#1 Points to the Past EXPLAIN

#2 Points to the Here + Now

#3 Points to our Future.

What is the Glory of God? Why would the Glory of God, or the hope of it, bring us JOY?

There's a scripture I want to read that to me has always defined in certain sense what is the Glory of God...

Rev 21:23 "And city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it: and Lamb is the light thereof."

I don't believe we'll have full access to the Glory of God until we receive our glorified bodies--

- In other words, until the resurrection + the rapture, until the bodies get changed in the twinkling of an eye and we are ushered into the presence of God...

- Until then, we can't truly see the ^{full} glory of God.
- We can hope for it, but one day we'll behold it.
- The Glory of God.
- Now hope for it is not a consolation prize. ^{It's not 2nd place! It's earnest} It's the victory & its JOY unspeakable & full of glory.

Hope is the bridge between desire & expectation.

- You can desire to go to heaven, but if you don't have a reason to expect to go, then you don't have a hope.

So hope is not just desire. I'm not just desiring to behold the Glory of God. I have reason to believe I will. I have an expectation that ^(one up get it) I will be in the presence of Almighty & all glorified. and live through it.

That's ~~the~~ one of the reasons we can't behold it now. We want live through it. You've got to have a clean purified glorified body to survive the presence of God. So for the saved his presence will be glorious ~~with it~~, ~~There's no words~~ Amazing, Spectacular, Overwhelming, all glory. Not words to describe what it'll be like.

For last, it'll be utter misery, and death.

You see, that's what conviction is. - It's a glimpse of God's Glory...

- The Light of God shines on the heart of a sinner and utter misery, wretchedness, ^{will ensue} doom is what the sinner will know. - The Conviction of the Holy Ghost of God...

- Can't survive... that's why there's a death when someone gets saved...

- You've got to get lost before you can be saved.

~~You've~~

- There's got to be a death, before there can be a new life...

- Before that plant blossoms & produces fruit, it ^{has to die & be} ~~is~~ buried, in the ground...

- Paul, "I am crucified with Christ. (There's the death)

Nevertheless I live (There's the life)

- "And thus is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest their deeds should be reproved..."

But if you've already gone through that... you don't dread the light. You desire it! And since we're expecting it... that means ~~we~~ ^{our} hope ~~is~~ is in the glory of God.

Life through the cross

We're looking forward to the day of glory. - It gives us joy. (Happiness comes from happen, but joy comes from inside)

- Getting in the glory - Every Christian - Rado's

- Glimpse of glory - Camp Services (Milby)

- The presence of God

- It gives us joy

- It gives us an expectation of what joy we'll experience when we get to heaven and in the presence of God himself

"The catch help it's"

Life of Faith

#1 Peace with God - Past

Faith gives life

#2 Access to his Grace - Present (Life of Faith)

#3 Joy in the Glory of God - Future (Faith will become sight)

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