

## Sermon Questions

*Faith Is the Access; God's Spirit Is the Guarantee*

*Romans 5:1-2*

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### CONNECT:

- What are some examples of “guarantees” in our culture? Have you benefited from one? How was the guarantee helpful?

### GROW:

- Read Romans 5:1-2. According to these verses of Scripture, what things do “we have” as Christ followers? How do we access these things? How do we *not* access these things?
- What difference does it make to you that the phrase “we have” (Greek word “echomen”), used in verses 1 and 2, carries the meaning of not only “right now”, but also “continuing into the future”?
- What is the danger of banking on a “sinner’s prayer” for salvation (though it very well may be the beginning of a person’s walk with Jesus)? (see 1 John 2:19 and Matthew 7:21-23)
- What is the evidence of a true Christian (see James 2:14-22)? Who enables you to do this (see John 15:5, 8)?
- While we don’t gaze at a “sinner’s prayer” for comfort, where do we cast our gaze? (see Numbers 21:9, John 3:14 and Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Why might a better question than “Did you ever pray a sinner’s prayer?” be “Do you treasure Jesus Christ?”
- Read Ephesians 1:13-14. How is the Holy Spirit’s seal/guarantee a great comfort to you as a Christian?
- Read together as a group – John 6:37, John 10:27-29, Romans 8:35-39, Philippians 1:6. How do these passages encourage you?

### GO:

- Do you treasure Jesus? Why?

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1. True saving faith will be validated by spiritual fruit. God will persevere in the life of a believer through the empowerment of His Spirit (Galations 5:22-23; James 2:14-26; Ephesians 5:18). If there is no spiritual fruit for a long extended period of time, then one ought to examine whether one truly believes in Jesus as personal Savior and Lord (Matthew 7:21-23).
2. True saving faith is kept by God for us. He **will** persevere in true believers. God guarantees true salvation, eternal salvation, for all who receive Jesus, by faith as Savior and Lord (Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 2:19; John 5:24, 10:27-29, Romans 8:38-29; Jude 24-25; 1 Timothy 1:12; Philippians 1:6, et al.)