

*Psa 103:2 - Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of
His benefits...*

THE CHRISTIAN BENEFITS PACKAGE

Pt 2

Romans 5:2-5

Our greatest needs...

I. IRREVOCABLE PEACE WITH GOD

A. *THE FACT OF PEACE*

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God...

B. *THE MEANS OF PEACE*

1...through our Lord Jesus Christ...

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B. *THE MEANS OF PEACE*

C. *THE RESULTS OF PEACE*

- *CONTINUOUS ACCESS IN THE PRESENT*

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand...

Eph 2:18 - for through (Christ) we...have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 3:12 - in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

1 Pet 3:18 - For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God...

Heb 10:19 – Therefore, brethren...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...

Heb 4:15-16 – 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- *CONTINUOUS ACCESS IN THE PRESENT*

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Rom 3:24 - ... (we are) justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ...

Psa 1:5 - Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment...

Rom 6:14 - ...for you are not under law but under grace.

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2 ...we exult in hope of the glory of God.

1 Cor 1:31 - ... LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.

Gal 6:14 - ...may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Rom 3:23** - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

***Rom 8:23** - ... we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*

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3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations

***Rom 8:35** - ...(we may face) tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword...*

***1 Cor 7:28** - ...(many experience) trouble in this life...*

***2 Cor 2:4** - ... much affliction and anguish of heart*

***2 Cor 12:10** - ... weaknesses...insults...distresses...
...persecutions...difficulties...*

Matt 5:10-12 – 10 Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness...11 “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great...

Acts 5:41 - The apostles, after being arrested and flogged, went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Rom 8:18 – For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

1 Pet 4:13 – but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

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3 ...knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance...

Luke 8:15 - But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

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4 and perseverance, proven character;

1 Pet 1:7 - so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

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4...and proven character, hope;

1 Cor 1:8 – (Christ) will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:6 - For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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4...and proven character, hope;

James 1:2–4 - 2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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II. CONTRACONDITIONAL LOVE FROM GOD

5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts...

Psa 22:5 - ...In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

Psa 25:3 - ... none of those who wait for You will be ashamed...

storge – affection, particularly within the family.

philia – love between friends.

eros – sensual love

agape – came to refer to the gracious, sovereign, love of God; a love of the unworthy

CONFIRMATION #1 – The Contrast with Other Religions

CONFIRMATION #2 – The Priority of Life

CONFIRMATION #3 – The Right Attitude in Trials

‘Like a River Glorious’

*Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.*