

Merry Christmas: Peace With God (Romans 5:1-11)

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(1) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2) 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.

(3) Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, (4) and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, (5) 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.

(6) For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- (8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (10) For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (11) More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. [Romans 5:1-11 ESV]

Practical Application

1. Christmas is all about Jesus. It's good news for all! Receive Jesus, receive the good news.
2. Receive the gift of salvation, faith, grace, justification, righteousness, eternal life, the world, and God's Son today!
3. Christian, you have already been justified. You can rest fully in Jesus Christ today.
4. Christian, you have peace with God. The greatest conflict/war is over. Live surrendered (wave a white flag).
5. Jesus experienced conflict so that you can experience peace.
6. Christian, you have been given full access to God and His grace. Stand secure in His grace. Swim in His grace.
7. You can rejoice today in the hope you have in Christ. Nothing can take away your joy.
8. God is glorious, created you and all things glorious, and is restoring you and all things to the glory that He designed them to reflect. One day you will be fully glorified. God will finish the good work He has begun in you.
9. Christian, you can have joy even in the midst of suffering because you know that your good Father will use all your experiences to make you stronger, more godly, and deepen your hope. Only Jesus can do this.
10. Christian, there is purpose in your pain & joy in the journey. One day all your suffering will cease because of Jesus.
11. Christian, God's love has been poured into your heart. You are loved even more than you could ever imagine.
12. Christian, God the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. You have all you need to succeed, fulfill God's purpose for your life, and to accomplish God's mission on earth.
13. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God. Receive Him today if you never have. Be transformed from the inside out.
14. We are weak, but God is strong. Look to Him for strength everyday.
15. Jesus did not die for the godly, but the ungodly. In and of ourselves and apart from Christ, we are all ungodly.
16. Jesus laid down His life for us even when we were doing wrong, sinners, and even His enemies.
17. God brings us from darkness to light, and has cleansed of from the inside out.
18. Christian, you will never experience God punishment, condemnation, or wrath.
19. Because of Jesus we get kindness instead of wrath, blessing instead of cursing, love instead of judgement.
20. Christian, you were reconciled to God even when you were His enemy. His love for you is not based on your performance, goodness, or works in any way. Nothing can separate you from His love.

21. We are saved and reconciled to God through Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection.
22. Christian, rejoice in all that God has done for you to reconnect you to Himself.
23. Christian, you have been justified, have peace with God, are standing in His grace, have been given deep joy, deep hope, and great glory awaits you. There is a reason for all your suffering. You are becoming spiritually stronger and more resilient, you are becoming more like Christ, you are an honored child of God, God and His love are living inside of you, there is no condemnation for you, and you have been reconciled to God forever!
24. Christian, you have peace with God. Merry Christmas!

Announcements

-Global Missions Christmas Offering (Lottie Moon): \$5,000 Goal. Please be praying about how God might use you to impact the people of the world, especially those have never heard of Jesus Christ.

-No Wednesday Night Awana & Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30) until January 10th.