

The Benefits of Salvation

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"Know the right person — and you get added benefits."

In Romans 5, the Apostle Paul lays out the extraordinary benefits that come with knowing Jesus Christ.

I. PEACE — v. 1

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." — [Romans 5:1](#)

The Bible speaks of several kinds of peace — world peace, tranquility of the soul — but the peace Paul describes here is **Peace with God**. This is a status change: God changes our status **from enemy to friend**.

Most unsaved people don't consider themselves enemies of God. They feel neutral. But there is no neutral ground:

"He that is not with me is against me." — [Matthew 12:30](#)

II. PASSAGE — v. 2

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." — [Romans 5:2](#)

In the Old Testament, there was no free access to God's presence. A curtain separated the Holy of Holies — to enter uninvited meant death. But when Christ cried *"It is finished!"* — the veil was torn from top to bottom. Those at peace with God now have **free access** to the Father in prayer — a heavenly Father who listens, hears, and answers.

III. PROGRESS — vv. 3-4

"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." — [Romans 5:3-4](#)

Our standing before God is **perfect**. Our state is **progressive**. Paul's theme: *"On to maturity."* Tribulation is not the goal — but tribulation is the **process taking us to the goal**.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." — [2 Corinthians 4:8-9](#)

"The Lord gets His best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction." — Charles Spurgeon

IV. PASSION — God's Love — vv. 5–8

"I can no more do justice to this awesome and wonder-filled topic than a child can grasp a star. Still, by reaching toward a star the child may call attention to it and even indicate the direction one must look to see it. And so, I stretch my heart toward the high, shining love of God so that we may be encouraged to look up and have hope." — A.W. Tozer

A. Unconditional Love — v. 6

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." — [Romans 5:6](#)

B. Incomparable Love — vv. 7–8

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." — [Romans 5:8](#)

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God!" — [Psalm 36:7](#)

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." — [1 John 3:1](#)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — [John 3:16](#)

V. PARDON — vv. 9–10

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." — [Romans 5:9](#)

Justified = *"Just as if I'd never sinned."*

VI. PRAISE — v. 11

"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." — [Romans 5:11](#)

"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." — [Psalm 34:3](#)

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