

ROMANS: PART 22
EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL
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The Eternal Security Of The Believer -- Freedom From God's Wrath
Evidence From Our new Relationship With Christ (Three Theological Arguments)
Romans 5:1,2

The Context:

1. The Apostle of the Gospel of Justification. Rom 1:1-15.
2. The Theme of the Gospel of Justification. Rom 1:16-17.
3. The Explanation of the Gospel of Justification. Rom 1:18-4:25.
4. The Effects of the Gospel of Justification. Rom 5:1-8:39.
 - ◆ Freedom from God's Wrath (Our eternal security in Christ) 5:1-11.
 - ◆ Freedom from Adam's fallen race (Our union with Christ) 5:12-21.
 - ◆ Freedom from sin's dominion (Our new life in Christ) 6:1-23.
 - ◆ Freedom from the law's inability (Our marriage to Christ) 7:1-25.
 - ◆ Freedom from carnal living (Our life in the Spirit) 8:1-39.

Through Justification We Have Peace With God. Rom 5:1.

1. This is not "*the peace of God*" (subjective Cf. Phil 4:6-7) it is "*peace with God*" (objective).
2. God has put our warfare to an end. His *wrath* (Cf. Rom 1:18) has been appeased.
3. God will certainly conquer His enemies -- but I am no longer one of them.
 - ◆ He is patient with them.
 - ◆ He will purge them.
 - ◆ He will parade them (as conquered foes).

Through Justification We Have Been Brought before God As A Justified People.
This IS Our New Position. Rom 5:2a.

1. "*This Grace*" = Our state of justification. Declared right with God.
2. "*we stand*" = our status, our state or position. The idea: this is our realm.
3. "*our introduction*" = access, right/freedom to enter. The idea: we've been led into His Presence.
4. Through faith in Christ we have been permanently brought into God's Presence as justified people. Cf. Heb 10:19,22; Book of Esther 4,5

Through Justification We Have The Certainty Of Glory. Rom 5:2b.

1. "*Hope*" = Certainty in biblical usage. Cf. Acts 2:26,27; I Cor 13:13a; II Cor 1:7; Col 1:5,27; Titus 1:2;2:13; Heb 6:19-20; I Pet 1:3.
2. We are certain:
 - ◆ of seeing Christ's Glory. Jn 17:1,4-5,24. Cf. Mt 17:2; II Pet 1:16-18.
 - ◆ of seeing God's Glory. Ex 33;14-23; I Cor 13:12; Numbers 6. "*The Shekinah*"
 - ◆ of being glorified (made into Christ's likeness). II Cor 3:12-18; Rom 8:17,30.

Application.

1. We must be certain of our eternal state.
2. We must be certain of our *peace with God* -- if we are ever to have the *peace of God*.
3. We must be certain of our standing before God -- if we are to have fellowship w/ God.
4. We must be certain of our seeing Christ in glory -- if we are to be holy now. I Jn 3:1-3.