

Romans 5:1-2

Our Grace Position

1. Preface to Chapter 5

- a. Romans: the greatest book of the Bible, this chapter arguably the greatest chapter.
- b. *"Therefore"* - Chapter 5 is a progression from previous chapters, scripture, history.
 - i. 2:1 - Therefore, thou art inexcusable - man's sin
 - ii. 3:20 - Therefore, no flesh justified by deeds - works/law/Israel cannot help
 - iii. 3:28 - Therefore, man justified by faith w/o deeds - grace gospel of Christ
 - iv. 4:16 - Therefore, faith that it might be grace - salvation by grace through faith
 - v. 5:1 - Therefore, being justified.... we have ... chapter 5 = what we have.
- c. *"being justified"* - Salvation is past from here, now sanctification/standing/position
 - i. Rom 5:5 - First mention of Holy Ghost in all of Paul's writings
 - ii. Ephesians expands on what Paul teaches in this chapter: you in Christ
 - iii. 'Jesus Christ' mentioned more in Romans than any other book of the Bible.
- d. *"we have"* - Chapter 5 is about us who are saved now:
 - i. Rom 1:20 - 'from the creation'
 - ii. Rom 2:17 - 'a Jew, and retest in the law'
 - iii. Rom 3:19 - 'Now we know...' and 'but now...' and 'at this time'
 - iv. Rom 3:31, 4:3 - 'we establish the law' and 'what saith the scripture' of Abraham
 - v. Rom 4:24 - 'but for us also...' , Rom 5 - "we" "us" "we have now"
- e. *"into this grace"* - Chapter 5 is the dispensation of the grace of God - Eph 3:2
 - i. 'grace' mentioned more here than any other context (6x, 10x in context)
 - ii. 'gift' mentioned more here than any other context (6x, 3x 'free gift')
 - iii. Rom 1:5 - "we have received grace and apostleship"
 - iv. Rom 3:24 - "being justified freely by his grace" - (mystery of the gospel)
 - v. Rom 4:16,24 - "it is of faith that it might be by grace... for us also"
 - vi. Rom 5:2 - "into this grace wherein we stand" - (mystery of Christ)

2. 5:1 - We Have Peace with God

- a. *"being justified by faith"* without works, Israel, covenants, law (see Romans 4)
 - i. The verse that made Catholic Luther backslide. See also Titus 3:5, Eph 2:8-9
- b. *"we have"* - Paul starts to explain the riches of God's grace - Eph 1:7, 1:18, 2:7, 3:8, 3:16
- c. *"peace with God"* - no wrath from God now being justified not under law - Rom 4:15
 - i. Israel could still reap God's wrath - Heb 3:8-11, 10:26-27, 1 Pet 4:17
 - ii. We are not recipients of God's wrath anymore - Rom 1:18, 1 Thess 5:9
 - iii. Peace not necessarily with men, yourself, but with God.
 - iv. Being justified the problem of sin and guilt before God is gone - 2 Cor 5:21
- d. *"through our Lord Jesus Christ"* - The unbeliever does not call him 'our Lord'
 - i. He is our peace through his blood of his cross - Col 1:20
 - ii. Having 'peace with God' is salvation (war is over) - no one lost has this peace.
 - iii. Having 'peace with God' is also our position (contrast to condition)
 - iv. We do not "make peace with God", the Lord Jesus Christ does that.

3. 5:2 - Standing in Grace

- a. *"by whom also"* - Jesus Christ does not just save us, he sanctifies us - 1 Cor 1:30
 - i. 'Now' if any man be in Christ he is a new creature - 2 Cor 5:17
- b. *"we have access by faith"* - Our access to God is in Christ - Eph 3:12, 2:13-18
 - i. Israel accessed grace through covenants - Heb 12:14-15, Jam 1:27, 4:6, 1Pe 1:10
- c. *"into this grace wherein we stand"* - by faith in the cross work - Eph 3:1-8
 - i. This describes our standing (position) in contrast to our changing state - Phi 4:11
 - ii. Scofield - 'our standing is the result of the word of Christ, and is perfect'
 - iii. Our standing is in grace, complete, and freely given through Christ - Col 2:6,10
- d. *"rejoice in hope of the glory"* - This is the mystery among gentiles - Col 1:24-28
 - i. Abraham believed in hope (4:18), as we do we believe in Jesus Christ, our hope.
 - ii. We see the glory of God in Christ Jesus - 2 Cor 3:18, 4:3-6, Eph 1:6, 2 Tim 2:10
 - iii. The church shall be glorified with Christ - Col 3:4, Rom 8:18, Rom 8:30, Eph 3:21
 - iv. The appearing of Jesus Christ is a blessed hope of glory - Titus 2:13
 - v. How can we stand and rejoice in hope of glory? In Christ by grace.