

## Romans: Paul's Symphony

### Peace and Hope Through Faith: Romans 5:1-12

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In your family, who tried most to keep the peace?

Who most often disturbed it?

Quick review: what does it mean when Paul says we are “justified”?

Read 5:1-5. What strange progression does Paul describe here? What does he say about suffering? How have you seen God doing this progression in your life?

What do you think it means to have “peace with God”? How is God’s peace different from manmade peace? From the Roman Peace/peace of the empire?

What does it mean to be “saved”? In what ways did God save the Israelites in Exodus? What does He save us *from* and *for*?

How did the Israelites experience God's presence while they journeyed through the wilderness? (see Ex. 13:21) How does Paul say we experience God's presence?

Read 5:6-8. What was so amazing about what Christ did for us? For whom would you be willing to give your life?

Read 5:9-11. What does God's wrath oppose? How have we been God's enemies? How has Jesus' death and life dealt with the power of sin? Death? The Devil? Us?

How might what God has done for us in Christ affect how we deal with our enemies? What might that look like? How have we failed to live that out?

Next week: **Hope in the Second Adam**—*read Romans 5:12-21*