

Session 5

Support The Message



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Support The Message

The message can be supported by Cross References, Illustrations, Examples or Quotations. Each one should be chosen specifically and strategically to strengthen the points. Be careful to not include elements that will distract from the message.

PRAY

- Your objective in prayer is to gain discernment from the Lord about how to clarify the points and solidify the message.

SUPPORT THE MESSAGE WITH CROSS REFERENCES

- Cross References are primarily for you. They help you interpret the passage with other Biblical ideas.
- Cross References can also be helpful to reinforce or clarify your message points.

SUPPORT THE MESSAGE WITH ILLUSTRATIONS

- Wiersbe: 'An illustration starts out like a picture, bringing clarity to a truth. It allows the listener to "see" what's being said. Then an illustration turns into a mirror, allowing the listener to gain "insight" into how this new truth affects him or her.'

SUPPORT THE MESSAGE WITH EXAMPLES

- Examples help people see the point or truth in action. Examples can be from the Bible, your own life, news articles, or other sources.

SUPPORT THE MESSAGE WITH QUOTATIONS

- Quotations from commentaries can be helpful to provide additional insight, clarity or credibility.



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Use the following pages to select support for your points from your **Romans 5:1-11** homework.

Message Title: _____

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Verse Reference: _____

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Cross Reference Illustration Example Quotation

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Cross Reference Illustration Example Quotation



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Cross Reference Illustration Example Quotation

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Cross Reference Illustration Example Quotation

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Cross Reference Illustration Example Quotation



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Cross References

Romans 5:1

Isaiah 32:17, The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Ephesians 2:14, For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation

Romans 5:2

Ephesians 2:18, For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 3:12, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

1 Corinthians 15:1, Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand

Hebrews 3:6, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Romans 5:3

Matthew 5:11-12, ¹¹Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 5:4

James 1:12, Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Romans 5:5

2 Corinthians 1:22, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.



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Cross References

Romans 5:6

Romans 8:32, He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 5:8

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 15:13, Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Romans 5:9

Ephesians 2:13, But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:10, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Romans 5:10

Romans 8:32, He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2 Corinthians 5:18, Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation

John 14:19, A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

Romans 5:11

Galatians 4:9, But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?



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Quotations

David Guzik - www.enduringword.com

Justified by faith speaks of a legal decree. Romans 1:18-3:20 found us guilty before the courts of God's law, God's glory, and our own conscience. Then Paul explained how because of what Jesus did for us, the righteousness of God is given to all who believe. The guilty sentence is transformed into a sentence of justified, and justified by faith.

Remember that the Bible doesn't say we have peace with the devil, peace with the world, peace with the flesh, or peace with sin. Life is still a battle for the Christian but it is no longer a battle against God, it is fighting for Him. Some Christians are tempted to believe the battle against God was almost a better place to be, and that is a dangerous and damnable lie.

We have access: The perfect verb tense of have access also indicates that this is a standing, permanent possession. Because our standing is based on grace, we really can stand and have peace, because we know that our access is a permanent possession. It cannot be taken away at a later time.

A runner must be stressed to gain endurance. Sailors must go to sea. Soldiers go to battle. For the Christian, tribulation is just part of our Christian life. We should not desire or hope for a tribulation-free Christian life

Therefore we say - soberly, reverently - we say about tribulation, "Lord, bring it on. I know you love me and carefully measure every trial and have a loving purpose to accomplish in every tribulation. Lord, I won't seek trials and search out tribulation, but I won't despise them or lose hope when they come. I trust Your love in everything You allow."



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Every Christian should know what it is like to have the love of God . . . poured out in our hearts - to have a deep inner awareness of God's love for us.

Paul's logical arguments in Romans are devastating but the Book of Romans doesn't lack emotion or passionate experiences with God. Paul wants us to think the right thoughts about God, but he also wants us to have the right experience with God - the love of God . . . poured out in our hearts.

Christ died for the ungodly: Paul mentioned the idea of a substitutionary sacrifice with the word propitiation in Romans 3:25. Here, he makes the point again by saying that Christ died for the ungodly. The ancient Greek word for is the word *huper*, which means "for the sake of, in behalf of, instead of."

The work of Jesus on the cross for us is God's ultimate proof of His love for you. He may give additional proof, but He can give no greater proof. If the cross is the ultimate demonstration of God's love, it is also the ultimate demonstration of man's hatred. It also proves that the height of man's hatred can't defeat the height of God's love.

Saved from wrath: Whose wrath? God's righteous wrath. It is true that we must be saved from the world, the flesh and the devil but most of all we must be rescued from the righteous wrath of God.



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Quotations

Matthew Henry - www.blueletterbible.org

The precious benefits and privileges which flow from justification are such as should quicken us all to give diligence to make it sure to ourselves that we are justified, and then to take the comfort it renders to us, and to do the duty it calls for from us.

It is sin that breeds the quarrel between us and God, creates not only a strangeness, but an enmity; the holy righteous God cannot in honour be at peace with a sinner while he continues under the guilt of sin. Justification takes away the guilt, and so makes way for peace.

There is more in this peace than barely a cessation of enmity, there is friendship and loving-kindness, for God is either the worst enemy or the best friend.

The phrase denotes also our progress; while we stand, we are going. We must not lie down, as if we had already attained, but stand as those that are pressing forward, stand as servants attending on Christ our master.

Those, and those only, that have access by faith into the grace of God now may hope for the glory of God hereafter. There is no good hope of glory but what is founded in grace; grace is glory begun, the earnest and assurance of glory.

Those who hope for the glory of God hereafter have enough to rejoice in now. It is the duty of those that hope for heaven to rejoice in that hope.

That which worketh patience is matter of joy; for patience does us more good than tribulations can do us hurt.

The patient sufferers have the greatest experience of the divine consolations, which abound as afflictions abound.



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Nothing confounds more than disappointment. Everlasting shame and confusion will be caused by the perishing of the expectation of the wicked, but the hope of the righteous shall be gladness.

We are not ashamed of these sufferings. It is in a good cause, for a good Master, and in good hope; and therefore we are not ashamed.

We were without strength (v. 6), in a sad condition; and, which is worse, altogether unable to help ourselves out of that condition-lost, and no visible way open for our recovery-our condition deplorable, and in a manner desperate; and, therefore our salvation is here said to come in due time.

He died for the ungodly; not only helpless creatures, and therefore likely to perish, but guilty sinful creatures, and therefore deserving to perish; not only mean and worthless, but vile and obnoxious, unworthy of such favour with the holy God.

And that for such as these Christ should die is such a mystery, such a paradox, such an unprecedented instance of love, that it may well be our business to eternity to adore and wonder at it. This is a commendation of love indeed.

Sin is pardoned, the sinner accepted as righteous, the quarrel taken up, the enmity slain, an end made of iniquity, and an everlasting righteousness brought in.

The argument holds very strongly; if God justified and reconciled us when we were enemies, and put himself to so much charge to do it, much more will he save us when we are justified and reconciled.

Iniquity, blessed be God, shall not be our ruin. And not only so, there is more in it yet, a constant stream of favours; we not only go to heaven, but go to heaven triumphantly.



In Class Assignment

Illustrations

Jon Courson

It was in 1972 that the last Imperial Japanese soldier was discovered on a South Sea island. Because he was living in complete isolation, he hadn't heard the news that World War II was over. So there he was—still building fortifications, ready to hold off the American invasion of his little atoll.

"What a waste," you say. "He could have been enjoying the Japanese economic boom, but instead he was stuck on an island, fighting malaria—all because he didn't hear that a peace treaty had been signed."

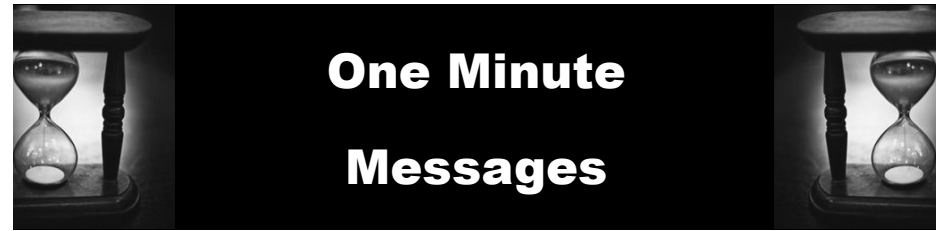
Yet, it's amazing how many of us do the same thing. I hope the Lord doesn't come down on me for this, or get mad at me for that, we think. He must be really upset with me. I better hide here in the jungle. We don't get it! The war is over! We have peace with God.

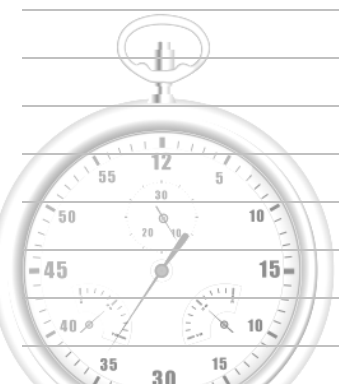
The story is told that a young boy cried outside Buckingham Palace after a beefeater refused his request to talk to the Queen. Twenty-year-old Prince Charles, observing the scene, approached the boy, took him by the hand, and said, "Come on, son. If you want to talk to the Queen, come with me."

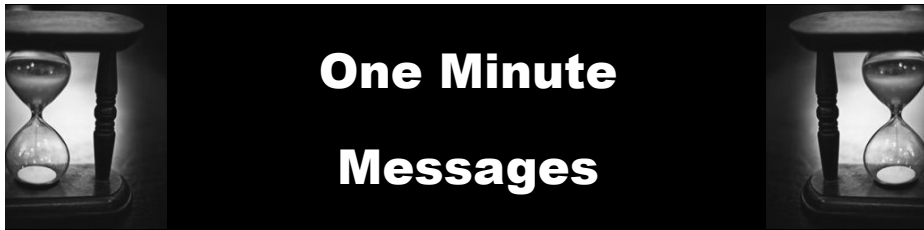
So, too, we can talk to the King continually when we take the hand of the Son.

The Seventeen-Mile Drive on the Monterey Peninsula is world famous for the beautiful cypress trees that abound in that region. These cypress trees are photographed, painted, and sculpted by artists from all over the world. The beauty of the cypress tree is due to the wind that blows them constantly. And the wind that produces their outer beauty also develops their inner strength. You see, the root system of the cypress tree sinks proportionately deeper than that of any other tree in the state.

"Lord, I want to be an object of beauty," we say. "All right," He says—and proceeds to send winds of adversity to make us beautiful; not to sink us, but to strengthen us. The cold winds of adversity, the hot winds of tribulation cause us to sink our root systems deeper in the soil of Scripture, to ground and root us in faith.

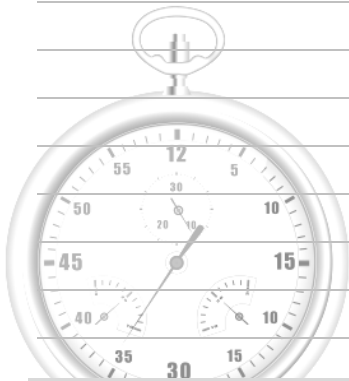






One Minute Messages

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Session 5 Homework

Pages 98-107

1. Identify The Type Of Message

◆ Use The Outlines On The Following Pages To Identify The Type Of Message

- 1 Corinthians 14 Topical Textual Expository
- 2 Corinthians 10:1-6 Topical Textual Expository
- Galatians 5:16-25 Topical Textual Expository
- Ephesians 6:12 Topical Textual Expository
- Philippians 3:1-11 Topical Textual Expository
- Colossians 1:1-14 Topical Textual Expository
- 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Topical Textual Expository

2. Analyze **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

3. Discern The Message Of **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

4. Build The Message Points For **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

5. Support The Message For **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

6. Prepare To Share The Title & Points For **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

**Session 5 Homework:
Identify The Type Of Message**

1 Corinthians 14, The Gift Of Prophecy

- ◆ Desire That You May Prophecy (1 Corinthians 14:1)
- ◆ Prophecy Is To Edify, Exhort Or Comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3)
- ◆ Prophecy Convinces & Convicts Unbelievers (1 Cor 14:24-25)
- ◆ Prophecy In A Service (1 Corinthians 14:29-33)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

2 Corinthians 10:1-6, Spiritual Weapons

- ◆ For Pulling Down Strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4)
- ◆ For Casting Down Argument (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- ◆ For Bringing Every Thought Into Captivity (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- ◆ For Punishing All Disobedience (2 Corinthians 10:6)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

Galatians 5:16-25, Walk In The Spirit

- ◆ Walk In The Spirit (Galatians 5:16)
- ◆ Be Led By The Spirit (Galatians 5:18)
- ◆ Keep In Step With The Spirit (Galatians 5:25)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

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Ephesians 6:12, Warriors Of Spiritual Warfare

- ◆ God (Romans 8:28)
- ◆ Satan (1 Peter 5:8)
- ◆ Angels (Revelation 12:7)
- ◆ Demons (Ephesians 6:12)
- ◆ Mankind (Ephesians 6:10-13)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

Philippians 3:1-11, How To Rejoice

- ◆ Have No Confidence In The Flesh (Philippians 3:1-6)
- ◆ Count It All As Loss (Philippians 3:7-11)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

Colossians 1:1-14, Lessons On Prayer

- ◆ When To Pray (Colossians 1:1-3)
- ◆ Who To Pray To (Colossians 1:3)
- ◆ Who To Pray For (Colossians 1:3)
- ◆ Why To Pray (Colossians 1:4-8)
- ◆ What To Pray (Colossians 1:9-14)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

**Session 5 Homework:
Identify The Type Of Message**

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13, Paul's Love For Saints

- ◆ Paul's Concern (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)
- ◆ Paul's Comfort (1 Thessalonians 3:6-10)
- ◆ Paul's Prayer (1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

What type of messages is this?

- Topical Textual Expository

**Session 5 Homework:
Analyze The Passage**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- 1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,
- 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.
- 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
- 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
- 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
- 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,
- 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
- 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**Session 5 Homework:
Analyze The Passage**

Author: _____

Author's Intended Audience: _____

Type Of Passage: _____

Author's Intended Subject: _____

Author's Intended Point: _____

Natural Breaks: _____

Key Words: _____

**Session 5 Homework:
Discern The Message**

Pray

Author's Main Point: _____

Pray

Possible Emphases: _____

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Prophetic Emphasis: _____

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Change As Directed: _____

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Message Title: _____

**Session 5 Homework:
Build The Message Points**

Pray

Summarize Each Section:

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Message Points First Draft:

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Pray

Final Message Points:

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**Session 5 Homework:
Support The Message**

Pray

Support For The First Point:

Support For The Second Point:

Support For The Third Point:

Support For The Fourth Point:

Support For The Fifth Point:

Session 5 Homework:
Prepare A Title And Points

Prepare to share this as a “One Minute Message” at the next class.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Message Title:

Message Points:

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