

## Romans Chapter 5

“Therefore”-- Paul is summarizing what has gone before and introducing what is to come. As we begin Chapters 5-8, the emphasis moves from justification to salvation.

Salvation Experienced and Understood as:

Chapter 5: Reconciliation

Chapter 6: Sanctification

Chapter 7: Liberation

Chapter 8: Adoption

**Date: Monday, February 11**

**Scripture: Romans 5:1-5**

**Theme: Justified: What We Have**

- “Therefore, having been justified by faith”
  - Everything we have in Christ is based on our being pronounced guiltless because of our faith acceptance of what Jesus did on the cross.
- Four things “we” have gained through justification
  - Verse 1: We have peace with God
    - Complete soul harmony with God and as a result of this there is to be a growing social harmony as well.
  - Verse 2: We have access to grace
    - We have been ushered into grace by Jesus.
    - Only through Him do we have access to grace.
  - Verse 3: We have a new standing
    - The only way to stand before God is through the grace given in justification through Christ.
    - It is the miracle of sinners standing guiltless before a Holy God.
  - Verse 4: We have victory in tribulation
    - The negatives of tribulation are defeated through this Spirit-led progression outlined in verses 3-5:

- Perseverance—unswerving endurance—forward movement in the face of opposition
  - Proven Character—maturity—tested metal
  - Hope—the certainty of all that is ours as outlined above
- “God loves us with an everlasting love backed by an everlasting power.”
  - That which is given to us has been “poured out”—lavished, gushed out down from God.

**Date: Tuesday, February 12**

**Scripture: Romans 5:6-11**

**Theme: While we were...God loved**

- The Greeks saw love as given to an object worthy of love. The value of the object determined the love given.
- Agape—The nature of the lover removed consideration of the value of the object as motive for giving and sharing love.
  - God is love so therefore, His nature becomes the motive for His love.
- This passage is built around three “whiles” that demonstrate the nature and power of God’s love.
  - Verses 6-7: While we were helpless.
    - God brought fulfillment (“at the right time”) through Christ to us when we were completely unable. We had nothing to contribute.
  - Verses 8-9: While we were sinners
    - God clearly proved His love for us—the best sacrificing for the worst while they were the worst.
    - The wrath of God that will be placed on sin is no longer a factor for those justified.
    - Take into consideration what it took for this to happen—2 Corinthians 5:21.
  - Verses 10-11: While we were enemies
    - Enemies reconciled—all barriers of sin removed
    - The hostility of our sin was met with the proven sacrificial love of God.

**Date: Wednesday, February 13**

**Scripture: Romans 5:12-14**

**Theme: From One to All—Sin**

- If Adam is the type, then Christ is the antitype
  - “What happened to him, happened to them.”
  - Sin entered the world through Adam and the result of sin, death, came to all because all have sinned. Romans 3:23
- Sinfulness is a state—transgression is an act.
  - In order for Adam, who existed prior to the Law which identified sin, to be guilty of transgression, he had to disobey a specific command given by God.
  - This way he could not plead ignorance of the knowledge that what he was doing was actually a transgression against God.
  - The proof that sin brought death to all—even those before Moses—is seen in the fact that death reigned before the giving of the Law.
- Without Christ, we have the choice not to sin but not the ability.

**Date: Thursday, February 14**

**Scripture: Romans 5:15-17**

**Theme: Through One Comes to All**

- Adam is credited with sin: transgression, trespass, and disobedience
- Jesus is credited with the gift: abundance, justification, and life
  - Obviously, the results of the gift are abundantly greater than the results of the transgression.
  - Why would it be necessary to Paul to establish this?
- Consider these contrasts:
  - Many died and many lived: verse 15
    - Since death is the inevitable outcome for us, how much greater is the gift of grace which interrupts this inevitability with eternal and abundant life.
  - Condemnation and justification: verse 16

- One transgression brought condemnation compared to many transgressions being paid for by one gift.
- Death reigning and reigning in life: verse 17
  - Those that were under the inevitability of separation from God will now through grace, reign as kings eternally through Jesus Christ.

**Date: Friday, February 15**

**Scripture: Romans 5:18-21**

**Theme: Grace Even More**

- Verse 18 picks up on the end of verse 12 and summarizes verses 12-17.
- Consider these comparisons Paul brings to light in order to bring home the reality of the supremacy of grace over sin.
- One transgression and one act of righteousness: verse 18
  - What the act of righteousness brought to us was justification and reconciliation thus interrupting the natural course of sin and death.
- Disobedience and obedience: verse 19
  - The disobedience of all of mankind has been dealt with by the obedience of Jesus Christ.
  - Through their personal response to what Jesus did on the cross, they become partakers of that gift and receive justification and eternal life.
- Law compared to grace: verse 20
  - The Law increased trespass to acts of transgression and disobedience.
  - As the reality of sin increased, grace “super-abounded” over and above the result of sin by making justification a reality through Jesus Christ.
- Sin compared to grace: verse 21
  - Sin brought the reign of death—the inevitability
  - Grace brought about eternal life through the righteousness of Christ in us through our faith response.