

The Epistle of Paul to the **ROMANS**

"The Constitution of the Christian Faith"

** A study in Doctrine**

** A study in Practice**

Background : This letter , inspired by the Holy Spirit, was written by the Apostle Paul to the "saints" at Rome around 56-58 A.D. , while Paul was in Corinth on his 3rd missionary journey.

Purpose: This letter is written to instruct believers in 3 general area's:

1. The fundamental doctrines of salvation to strengthen against false doctrine.
2. God's faithfulness in His relationship and dealings with Israel.
3. Practical Christian living in relation to society and government.

About Paul : Background : Philippians 3:4-6 (a Pharisee)

Salvation experience - Acts 9:1-22 (Saul=Paul)

Ministry training - Acts 22:1-4 ; 2 Corinthians 12:1-8 ; Galatians 1:15-19

Qualification for apostleship - called by Christ - Acts 9:3-6

Chapter Five : The Fruit of Justification by Faith

I. The five fold fruit of Justification:

v1 **A. Peace with God.** John 14:27 ; Rom 8:6 ; 10:15 ; 14:17.

1. Rest - no more war. James 4:4 - "*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*" Enmity=mutual hatred
2. Quietness - agreement, submission.
3. *Eirene* - Set at one again - what was once together, then torn apart , is now restored.

v2 **B. Access to God.** Matt 6:1-4 ; 1 Thess 5:17 ; Heb 4:16 ; James 5:13-16

1. Under the law access to God was limited:
 - a. Gentiles could not go into the temple.
 - b. Jewish women could only go as far as the woman's court in the temple.
 - c. Non Levite Jewish men could not go into the inner court.
 - d. Only the high priest could enter into the Holy of Holies once a year.
2. Christ's sacrificial death on the cross removed the veil of separation between God and man. Matt 27:51 ; Heb 10:19-22

vv3,4 **C. Assurance from God:**

1. The reality of the love of God shed abroad (poured forth abundantly) in our hearts. This love (that we would not respond to before submitting to Christ) was given as a gift from God - supernaturally.
2. This supernatural love makes confident our hope of eternal life (promised by God).
 - a. We can stand boldly in our confidence in the promises of the Word of God.
No reason to be ashamed or to have a fear of being dishonored .
Rom 1:16 ; 10:11 ; 2 Tim 1:12 ; 2:15 ; 1 John 2:28.
 - b. The unbelievers will be ashamed someday, when they realize the disappointment of believing a lie. Mark 8:38 ; Rev 20:11,12
3. **Hope:** *elpis, el-pece'*; (to *anticipate*, usually with pleasure); *expectation* (abstract or concrete) or *confidence* :- faith, hope.
* This hope comes from experience (being tried and tested and approved).
 - a. Trials and testings purge away the impurities revealing the true inner core
 - b. Surviving and being strengthened by the testing purifies our faith.

4. **Experience:** **dokime**, *dok-ee-may'*; from Greek (dokimos); *test* (abstract or concrete); by implication *trustiness* :- experience (-riment), proof, trial.
* This experience comes from patience (cheerful endurance , constancy).
5. **Patience:** **hupomone**, *hoop-om-on-ay'*; from Greek (hupomeno); cheerful (or hopeful) *endurance, constancy* :- enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).
* This patience comes from the trials and testing of our faith.
6. **Tribulation:** **thlipsis**, *thlip'-sis*; from Greek (thlibo); *pressure* (literal or figurative) :- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.
7. This is why we have good reason to be glad about testing. To see it as a challenge to increase our faith. James 1:2,3,12; 1 Pet 1:3-8

v5 **D. Indwelling of God in our person.**

1. The Holy Spirit is given to us. 2 Cor 1:22 ; 5:5 ; Ephesians 1:13,14.
2. Our person is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 6:17-20

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the “earnest” or deposit of God to hold us until He returns to take us home. In the marriage arrangement, this would be equivalent to the giving of an engagement ring to the bride to be. It could be said that the Holy Spirit is the engagement ring from Christ to His betrothed bride to let her know He is coming back to take her as His holy wife. In the mean time, the bride (church) is to be preparing herself for the wedding day. See Ephesians 5:25-32

vv6-11 **E. Preservation of our salvation by God.**

1. Jesus Christ gave His life for us when there was nothing worthwhile in us
That is pure love (Agape). To love someone with no hope of reciprocation.
To love someone solely for the benefit of that person.
2. Since He gave His life to reconcile us to God (make peace) , then so much the more He will give us assurance and preservation of eternal life as well as abundant life as we live in Him and He in us. (See John 15)
- v16 3. In the same way that by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and as a result the sin nature was passed on to all men born through him; the gift of grace entered into the world by one (Jesus Christ) and is passed on to all that will be born through Him. John 3:3
Judgment = To try, condemn, and punish. Gen 3:24
Justification = The decision to render one innocent.
- v19 4. By one man's disobedience, many were made (appointed or designated) sinners. It's not that we are sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners, .
5. By the obedience of one, many shall be made (appointed or designated) righteous. (Holy or innocent)
- v20 6. When the law came in alongside, it showed us just how bad we really are. In God's sight we were in the same condition all along, but the law made the grace of God appear to us even that much more super abundant.
7. Compared to sin which has the rule only to the point of death, grace is much more abundant, in that it has the rule through righteousness to the exponential degree of eternal perpetual life, by the power of Jesus Christ , our Lord , who is the source of life. John 1:4 ; 3:36 ; 14:6 ; 5:26 ; 6:33-35 ; 10:10 ; 11:25
Acts 3:15 ; 1 John 1:1.