

God's Opinion of You – Does it Matter? — Romans 5:1-11

Introduction: When Opinions of others about you matter.

Q: Is God favourably disposed towards you?
Is your relationship With Him Secure?

What difference does trusting Jesus make?

1. Trusting Jesus brings certainty of peace with God (5:1-2)
not just a feeling - an objective state
God the peace-maker
ACCess and ACCeptance
2. Trusting Jesus brings certainty that suffering has a positive purpose (5:3-4)
character developed, and lessons learned in the furnace of affliction
true Christianity is not a health/wealth prosperity religion
3. Trusting Jesus brings you certainty that God LOVES you (5:5-8)
Subjective proof—God's Spirit pours God's love into our hearts
Objective proof—God's Spirit point us to the objective event of the Cross
Our condition when Christ died for us - powerless, ungodly, sinners
Sacrificial love—dying to rescue those trapped and undeserving
The past (Jesus's death for you out of love) defines you
4. Trusting Jesus assures you that your future is Secure - Salvation guaranteed (5:9-11)
How much more if God has done the hard and costly thing already...
The future is secured by the past—trust the Cross of the past to Secure your future.
People who truly "get" this rejoice in it!