Romans Chapter 5

ESV Text

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces ⁴ and endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression

Notations

- 5.1 Δικαιωθέντες (verb, aorist, passive, participle) = we HAVE BEEN Justified! Peace, not just avoiding condemnation, but restoration with God. // First justification, and *then* peace. εἰρήνην = objective state of peace with God. Emotion is not litmus test
- 2 δι' οὖ/through him = think John 14:6. εἰς τὴν χάριν/into this grace. In this grace we stand! Note: the word "rejoice" = (sanctified) boast.
- ³⁻⁵ These are not virtues we achieve, but the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those baptized into Jesus Christ. The word "boasting" again at verse 3, while doing it under external pressures. Suffering is not said to be good, nor is it the basis for boasting, but rather what God produces through it: endurance.
- ⁴ ὑπομονὴ = "endurance" appears again. From verb MENO (to remain/abide) with this prefix UPO which means "under," so "Remaining Under" or "Being Enabled to Stand under Pressure"! This is the endurance given by the Holy Spirit. // "character" is "tested character" and suggests the idea of refinement, like a tested metal. See James 1:3 and 1 Peter 1:7. // And this includes objective hope/God-hope, not man-hope. These are not gradations, but a total picture of faith.
- ⁵ Such hope means that we will not be shamed on the Last Day // 1st of 9 appearances of *agape love*. // perfect tense: poured out and REMAINS! "poured out" is also H.S. language.
- 6-10 Brings out four designations for us, as those for whom Christ died, and for those loved by God, justified, saved, and reconciled: 1) WEAK (6); 2) UNGODLY (6); 3) SINNERS (8); 4) ENEMIES (10). What wondrous love is this? Note contrast. // Go back to verse 9, we are justified by what? Think about what we do every Sunday morning. // Finally, there is also a future salvation (NOT YET), even while our salvation is already (NOW).
- ¹¹ Note "through" 2x's. Through *Christ!*
- ¹² "Sin" and "death" are presented as singular, objective, and definitive things. They are monsters and destroyers. These come down on us to condemn us. The "actual sins" ("because all

of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

sinned") are the *results* or *evidence* of our sin condition caused by the objective personified monsters of SIN and DEATH. Everyone shows the signs of having been overcome. We die for our own sin, but at the same time, it was Adam's first sin that led to the spread of sin.

¹³ Before Moses, there was already sin. Moses received the Law of God. Sin, however, is not detectable – as in breaking God's Law [since there was no Law] -- as it is when there is the Law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, sin was already there and we know because people were dying from Adam to Moses before the Law was given to Moses. // Adam a "type" of Jesus Christ/he foreshadowed the greater "Adam" for humanity, the NEW ADAM = Jesus.

 15 Comparison between FREE GIFT/χάρισμα and TRESPASS.

¹⁶On Adam's side, judgment for all, but on the side of Christ the miracle of justification (Franzmann). // For us: *from* condemnation *to* justification!

¹⁷ Through Adam's sin, death REIGNED, but "the free gift of righteousness" is yours through Jesus. Now in Christ we REIGN IN LIFE. // Before this, the beautiful word: RECEIVE [the abundance (Psalm 23:5 "my cup overflows") of grace].

¹⁸ All condemned through sin; but through Christ, life for all (Christ is for all). // By what? "ONE ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" = or Christ's saving WORK. What does it include? Incarnation + ... + ... + ...

¹⁹ Jesus' obedience saves us.

²⁰ That is, the Law magnifies sin. God is being merciful. Through the Law we see our true condition and need for Jesus Christ.

²¹ SIN is a Ruler-King, and GRACE is a Ruler-King. But one is more powerful than the other! GRACE NOW REIGNS "through righteousness" = our being declared righteousness by God through faith in Jesus Christ and all that He has done for us // "leading to eternal life"... this too is through Jesus Christ our LORD.