

Romans Chapter Five

Benefits Associated with Justification (vv. 1-5)

VERSE 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ (Δικαιωθέντες οὖν ἐκ πίστεως εἰρήνην ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν θεὸν διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ [*aor.pass.part.nom.m.p. dikaiōo + conj. oun therefore + prep ek from + noun abl.f.s. pistis + noun acc.f.s. eirene peace + pres.act.ind.1p. echo have + prep pros with + d.a.w/noun acc.m.s. theos + prep dia through + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. kurios + pro.gen.m.p. ego + noun gen.m.s. Jesus + noun gen.m.s. Christ*]),

VERSE 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this

grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God (δι' οὗ καὶ τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἐσχήκαμεν [τῇ πίστει] εἰς τὴν χάριν ταύτην ἐν ἣ ἑστήκαμεν καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐπ' ἐλπίδι τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ [*prep dia through + pro.gen.m.s. hos whom + conj. kai also + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. proagoge access; "introduction"; also at Eph. 2:18 & 3:12 + pf.jact.ind.1p. echo "have obtained" + d.a.w/noun instr.f.s. pistis; not in some mss. + prep eis into + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. charis grace + pro.acc.f.s. houtos "this" + prep en + pro.dat.f.s. hos "in which" + pf.act.ind.1p. histemi stand + conj. kai + prep epi + pres.dep.ind.1p. kauchaomai boast, exult + prep epi upon + noun loc.f.s. elpis hope + d.a.w/noun gen.f.s. doxa glory + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos*]).

VERSE 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that

tribulation brings about perseverance (οὐ μόνον δέ, ἀλλὰ καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν, εἰδότες ὅτι ἡ θλίψις ὑπομονὴν κατεργάζεται [*neg ou not + adv. monos only + conj. de and + conj. alla but + conj. kai also + pres.dep.ind.1p. kauchaomai boast; "exult" + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.f.p. thlipsis tribulation + pf.act.part.m.p. oida know + conj. hoti that +*

d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. thlipsis + noun acc.f.s. hupomone perseverance, steadfastness + pres.dep.ind.3s. katergazomai accomplish, bring about]);

VERSE 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope (ἡ δὲ ὑπομονὴ δοκιμῆν, ἡ δὲ δοκιμὴ ἐλπίδα [*conj. de and + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. hupomone + noun acc.f.s. dokime character; “proven character” + conj. de and + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. dokime + noun acc.f.s. elpis hope*]);

VERSE 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us (ἡ δὲ ἐλπίς οὐ καταισχύνει, ὅτι ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἐκκέχυται ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου τοῦ δοθέντος ἡμῖν [*conj. de and + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. elpis hope + neg. ou + pres.act.ind.3s. kataiochuno put to shame, disappoint + conj. hoti because + d.a.w/noun nom.f.s. agape love + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos + pf.pass.in.d3s. ekcheo pour out + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.f.s. kardia heart + pro.gen.m.s. ego “our” + prep dia through + noun gen.nt.s. pneuma spirit + adj.gen.nt.s. hagnos holy + d.a.w/aor.pass.part.gen.nt.s. didomi give + pro.dat.p. ego*]).

ANALYSIS: VERSES 1-5

1. “Therefore” links this chapter with the subject matter of chapter 3:21 thru 4:25.
2. In verses 1-11 Paul sets for the Ph 2 blessings associated with our justification by faith.
3. Note the “we” expressions in these verses.
4. The first inestimable blessing is that fact that all who have justification by faith have “peace.”
5. “We have peace” is a present and permanent possession for all who are believers.
6. The “peace” under consideration is to be understood against the backdrop of our pre-salvation relationship to God when we who were under spiritual condemnation were enemies of God (cf. v. 5).
7. Jesus removed that which separated man from God (Eph. 2:15-16).
8. This peace is mediated by our High Priest as per “through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Tim. 2:5; cp. Rev. 12:1).
9. Again, this “peace” is a present and permanent blessing.
10. It is understood via the doctrine of reconciliation (cf. v. 11).

11. In verse 2 we have another aspect of Christ's mediatorship as per "through whom also we have obtained [the] introduction into this grace."
12. It would seem that Ph 1 grace (permanency of justification) and Ph 2 grace are in view.
13. Ph 2 grace is made available to us as well.
14. We are saved by grace and we are granted grace so we can exploit the temporal and eternal blessings available to us.
15. "We have obtained" (pf.act.ind.1p. *echo* have) a new status as of our salvation.
16. "The introduction" or "access" (Gk. *proagoge* right to enter; also at Eph. 2:18; 3:12) points to our life after justification.
17. It too, is to be lived by faith, and is in accordance with grace.
18. "In which we stand" refers to our adherence to the plan of God after salvation (cf. 11:20; 1 Cor. 15:1; 16:13; Eph. 6:11, 13, 14; Phil. 4:1; Col. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Pet. 5:12).
19. If a believer stands in the faith to the end, then that believer will "stand blameless" at the Bema Seat (Jude 1:24).
20. Those who are standing firm in their understanding in grace will privately and publically "exult in hope of the glory of God" (1 Pet. 1:6-8).
21. This of course refers to the ultimate outcome of our Ph 1 and Ph 2 grace.
22. Ultimate sanctification is in view here with its promise of future resurrection (Rapture) and eternal rewards, ruling and reigning with Christ on earth, and onward to the new heavens and earth.
23. The topic of boasting takes an unexpected turn in verse 3 as it relates to our Ph 3 anticipation.
24. There is something which **must** transpire in the life of the believer who fully realizes the full spectrum of Ph 3 hope.
25. And that is, "our tribulations" (synonym for sufferings).
26. "And not only this" (in reference to Ph 3 blessings), points to the value and necessity of temporal adversities.
27. The same verb "exult" (or "boast") is used for sufferings in the present life.
28. This noun occurs 47x in the N.T.
29. It is used in connection with persecution (Matt. 13:21; Jn. 16:33; Acts 7:10; 12:12; etc.).
30. The key is understanding the subject of suffering and what it is designed to accomplish on the path to spiritual maturity to the end (Heb. 12:1).
31. Where there is acclimation to various sufferings/tests there is an increase in the perseverance factor.
32. Each time you are under suffering, and you are maintaining the proper mental attitude through the test, your endurance factor increases (cf. Jam. 1:3-4; 5:11).
33. Avoid soul fainting, complaining, and the like.
34. Rebound resets the proper mental attitude.
35. Claim God's promises like: "I will never leave or forsake you" and ,that God will never put more upon on you than you can bear, and for each test He will make a way of escape.
36. Also, with each adversity God will provide encouragement (2 Cor. 1:3-7).
37. Remember, the present sufferings are not to be compared to the glory to come (Rom. 8:18), and that God will work all things for our good (Rom. 8:28).
38. So each CHP we encounter, and maintain our positive volition under the FHS, will work a new level of patience.

39. Prayer is a vital element in this conflict we find ourselves in (Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 5:7).
40. Your sufferings as an adjusted and positive believer are “the sufferings of Christ” (we are member of His body the church; cf. 1 Pet. 4:13; 5:1).
41. Next in this progression comes “proven character” (noun *dokime* worth, character; evidence, proof).
42. The believer who maintains positive volition through the CHPs of Ph 2 manifests an advanced level of spiritual character/worth.
43. We call this making the maturity adjustment to God, which involves intake and application of BD through the tests of Ph 2.
44. Finally, we come full circle with the mention of “hope.”
45. The believer who stays positive and applies BD maintains a focus on Ph 3 hope.
46. So maintain a proper mental attitude with respects to your tribulations as they are the path of the ultimate SG3 blessings.
47. One more thing about our “hope”; it “does not disappoint” (neg w/pres.act.ind. *kataiochuno* put to shame).
48. The expression employs understatement (cf. Isa. 28:16).
49. Shame awaits those who fall short of the grace of God (1 Jn. 2:28).
50. Shame awaits our enemies (Ps. 6:10; 25:2-3, 20; 34:1-5; Isa. 50:7 of Messiah).
51. What is it that gives us confidence with respect to our Ph 3 hope—it is the doctrine of God’s love.
52. Applying this attribute to our lives as believers under duress in the Angelic Conflict (1 Jn. 4:8) we understand that God will not bring us to a state of disappointment.
53. We have seen and heard of God’s love in the gospel of grace.
54. This love is said to have been “poured out within our hearts” via the IHS and the FHS.
55. “Poured out” (pf.act.ind. *ekcheo*) indicates the abundance of the unrestrained diffusion of love.
56. So God the Holy Spirit imparts assurance to us that God love us, and in that regardm if He did the greater thing for us, He will do the lesser thing (maximum Ph 3 blessing).
57. Exultant rejoicing should be the result of God’s love within us as we focus on our eternal inheritance as His children.