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The Book of Romans

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Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] rejoice^[d] in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and 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.

REVIEW IT

Paul shifts from using the pronoun “I” in Chapter 4 to using “we” in Chapter 5. He now moves to describe the fruits, the blessings, the consequences that come with our justification. Paul makes six points: 1) We have peace with God, 2) We have obtained and are literally standing in grace, 3) We rejoice in our hope of the glory of God, 4) We rejoice in our suffering, 5) We shall be saved through Christ and 6) We REJOICE in God!

We rejoice!

Not in our position but in his mercies

Not in our possession of him but in his of us

We rejoice in our hope of sharing of his glory

We rejoice, even in tribulation and suffering

We rejoice in God the Father through Christ the Son

We rejoice because through Christ we have received reconciliation

DISCUSS IT

Discuss each of the six points and how it applies to you personally:

How does knowing Jesus give you peace?

What does it mean to you to be standing in God's grace? Do you have an example of how you have seen this in your life?

How does rejoicing in the hope of the glory of heaven to come encourage you?

Romans 5:3-8 are some of the most encouraging verses in the Bible. How does suffering build character? What is the end result? Are you going through suffering right now? How does it help you to know that your suffering has a purpose?

In verses 9-10 "saved" has a future tense. Your salvation is ongoing and cannot be taken away from you. How does this cause you to rejoice?

What does reconciliation to God through Christ mean to you? How does it cause you to rejoice to know you are reconciled to God when you receive Jesus as your Savior?

PRAY IT

Dear Lord, Thank you for your peace, for your grace, for the hope of glory to come in heaven, yes, even for suffering that teaches me character and perseverance, for the assurance of your salvation and for the reconciliation you gave to us through Jesus Christ. Teach me to live so that others can see the rejoicing in me!

I love you, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen

APPLY IT

Let your light shine this week as you reflect on all God has given you in Christ! Be ready to share with people what's different about you. Invite someone to church to hear more about the hope we have through Christ.