

## **BLESSINGS OF BEING JUSTIFIED** **(Romans 5:1-11)**

### **I. The blessing of peace.**

- A. The word “therefore” points back to the discussion at the end of chapter 4 - righteousness being added to our account when we believe in and obey Jesus.
- B. That is what justified by faith means.
- C. When we are justified, we have peace with God because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross.
  - 1. While in sin, you and I were at war with God.
  - 2. In this battle, you are either ally or enemy.
  - 3. Our faith, when placed in Jesus, allows us to become an ally of God.
- D. Four other verses in this book alone point out the blessing of peace one has when in Christ (8:6; 14:17, 19; 15:13).
- E. Having peace with God allows you to know the joy of life.
  - 1. You can know you’re saved because of peace with God.
  - 2. You can face death with faith and knowledge.

### **II. The blessing of grace.**

- A. Jesus allows us to have access to the grace of God when we have faith in Jesus.
  - 1. Notice that we stand in grace.
  - 2. Obedience to Christ, which is faith expressed, is the key that unlocks the door to grace.
- B. Grace is God’s unmerited favor - something given that is not deserved.
  - 1. When one is baptized into Christ, he puts on Christ.
  - 2. This puts us into God’s grace.
- C. Faith and grace are tied together when it comes to salvation.
  - 1. Faith is man’s part.
  - 2. Grace is God’s part.
- D. We stand in it, but we can fall out of it.
- E. Being in grace allows us to rejoice because we have hope of eternal life.

### **III. The blessing of tribulations.**

- A. Normally, we would never view tribulations as a blessing.
  - 1. The world views anything that hinders as a curse.
  - 2. The path of least resistance is the best to the world.
- B. However, tribulations are looked upon as a blessing to the Christian because they allow us to be strengthened.
- C. They produce endurance for future problems we will face.
- D. Patience produces genuineness or trustworthiness.
  - 1. When we endure patiently the temptations and trials of life, we prove ourselves more genuine as Christians.
  - 2. God gains more trust in us.
  - 3. The ASV has approvedness here, meaning the approval of God.
- E. This genuineness brings about hope.
  - 1. Hope is desire plus expectation.

2. Going through these trials causes us to desire heaven and the promise of God leads to us expecting heaven.
- F. This hope will never cause us to be ashamed.
1. We won't be disappointed in heaven.
  2. Have you ever had something built up in your mind only to be disappointed when you got it?
  3. That won't be the case with heaven.
- G. How does the Holy Spirit spread God's love in our hearts?
1. It is only through the word of God.
  2. This is where we learned of God's love for us.

**IV. The blessing of God's love.**

- A. While we were in sin, there was no strength to save us.
- B. However, at the proper time, Jesus died for our sins.
- C. Paul then describes God's love for us.
1. For a man that goes by the letter of the law, no mercy, you simply get what is your due, we wouldn't die.
  2. It is possible that for a person who shows mercy and grace we would possibly die.
  3. However for a vile sinner we wouldn't think about dying.
  4. However, that is when God showed us how much He loved us because Jesus died for us while vile sinners.
- D. These verses describe for us the depth of God's love.

**V. The blessing of salvation.**

- A. Being covered in the blood of Christ allows us to be justified in the sight of God.
- B. When we are in such a state, we have salvation.
- C. What we will be saved from is the wrath of God.
1. God has a wrathful side, displayed to those who are rebellious to His offer of grace.
  2. Could we expect God to save those who are disrespectful to His Son that shed the blood by which man is justified?
- D. One day, God will allow His divine wrath to come down upon all those that rejected His Son, either through ignorance or rebellion.
1. He has shown His wrathful side in the past.
  2. We can read about it throughout the Old Testament.
  3. It will be released again when His Son comes back to judge the world.

**VI. The blessing of reconciliation.**

- A. Because of our sins, God's justice didn't allow us to have a relationship with Him.
- B. God cannot be in the presence of sin.
- C. However, the death of Jesus, and our putting on Jesus in baptism, allows us to be reconciled to God.
1. Our sins caused us to be God's enemies.
  2. We left God by our sins so we needed a way back to Him.
  3. The death of Jesus made that way back possible.

- D. But notice that while His death made reconciliation possible, only His life makes salvation possible.
- E. A dead Savior could save no one.

**VII. The blessing atonement.**

- A. We have joy because of the fact we are in a right relationship with God.
- B. That joy is made possible because we have received the atonement.
  - 1. You have probably heard atonement means being at one with God.
  - 2. This word means a changing of state from enmity to friendship.
- C. Jesus allowed us to go from enemies to friends of God.
- D. Because of His death and resurrection, we can be at one with God, meaning we are no longer enemies but friends.