

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"The Security of the Justified" Romans 5:1-11



Introduction:

"Those whom God effectually calleth He also freely justifieth; not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, to them as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on him and his righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God."

– *London Baptist Confession of Faith* (XI:1)

I. THE BLESSINGS OF JUSTIFICATION (vs. 1-5)

A. We have peace. (vs. 1)

"therefore, having been justified by faith"

"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

B. We have access to God. (vs. 2a)

"through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith" (Hebrews 10:19-22)

C. We have hope. (vs. 2b)

"and we exult in hope of the glory of God"

D. We have daily confidence. (vs. 3-5)

"and not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations" (Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17)

suffering → perseverance → character → hope (Job 23:10; James 1:2-4)

"knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance"

"and perseverance, proven character"

"and proven character, hope"

"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"

II. THE BASIS OF JUSTIFICATION (vs. 6-11)

A. Christ's death made it possible. (vs. 6-7)

“for while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly” (Galatians 4:4)

“for one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die”

B. God's love planned it. (vs. 8)

“but God demonstrates His own love toward us”

“in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”

C. Reconciliation is the result. (vs. 9-11)

“much more then, having now been justified by His blood”

“we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him”

“for if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son...”

“...much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life”

vs. 9
justified (declared free of guilt)
by His blood
saved from wrath

vs. 10
reconciled (hostilities ended)
through the death of His Son
saved through His life

“and not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation”

Conclusion: Paul identified the following benefits of justification by faith:

- 1) peace with God (vs. 1)
- 2) access into God's grace, having been under God's wrath (vs. 2)
- 3) joy and hope in tribulation (vs. 3-5a)
- 4) Christian character produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit (vs. 5b)
- 5) salvation from future wrath (vs. 9-10)
- 6) reconciliation and sweet relationship with God (vs. 11)

“Totally apart from Law, and purely by grace, we have a salvation that takes care of the past, the present, and the future. Christ died for us; Christ lives for us; Christ is coming for us! Hallelujah, what a Savior!”

– Warren Wiersbe

Food for Thought:

- 1) Do I allow my circumstances to blind me to the peace I have with God?
- 2) Do I fail to call upon God even though I have constant access to Him?
- 3) Do I welcome tribulation for Christ's sake and welcome its purpose in my life?
- 4) Do I rely upon the indwelling Holy Spirit for my daily strength to carry on faithfully?