

## Romans: Right Standing – Right Relationship

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Romans 5:1-11

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If by FAITH you have turned from sin and self, embracing the saving person and work of Jesus Christ, then Paul has a VERY ENCOURAGING message for you that comes in 4 parts.

### #1: PEACE WITH GOD – VS1-2

**TRUTH POINT #1:** Those who have been JUSTIFIED by FAITH, have been granted \_\_\_\_\_.

This presupposes that before a person is JUSTIFIED by FAITH **they are in conflict with God**. See VS10 & Colossians 1:21

FAITH in Christ brings about a change in our relationship to God... It brings us to a position of PEACE. But what does it mean to have PEACE with God?

**TRUTH POINT #2:** What God did through His Son Jesus, provided forgiveness of sin, YES... but also took away the **totality of** \_\_\_\_\_ **against you**. Whereas you once fell short of God's Glory (Romans 3:23), you now stand in \_\_\_\_\_, bring the JOY of HOPE (confidence) of His glory. (Romans 5:2)

This is important for the believer to comprehend because too many of us, while knowing that we are no longer bound for Hell, live under the Hell of believing that God is angry with us, eager to judge any sin.

See Romans 8:1-2

Sin in a believers life is serious, but the judgment for our sin has been paid by Jesus, and like a loving Father, God is eager to pick us up, teach us that we are free from sin, and can walk in the righteousness of Christ! He is NOT looking to trample us under foot when we fail!

So, REJOICE child of God. His wrath over your sin has been removed, and His love is ever ready to help you become more like Christ who provided this grace for you.

## #2: WORKING FOR YOUR GOOD – VS3-5

PEACE with God has changed the end result of the **sufferings** we experience because we live in a world under the curse of sin. The sufferings that do occur have been transposed to bring about our Spiritual development, NOT our Spiritual demise.

**TRUTH POINT #3:** When, in the midst of our suffering we rest the full weight of our lives in Christ, and the working of God's Spirit, we find our spiritual-self growing \_\_\_\_\_ (**endurance**), \_\_\_\_\_ (**character**), and \_\_\_\_\_ (**hope**) in the transformational work of conformity to the image of Christ.

The reason we grow and are not crushed is directly tied to the \_\_\_\_\_ God poured out in us, through the **INDWELLING** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of His Spirit.

The suffering Christians endure is not meaningless or purposeless. God uses them to build endurance, character, and hope, molding us in the image of Christ.

## #3. THE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S LOVE – VS6-8

God's LOVE is NOT a theoretical concept written on a page in a book, but a very real, tangible reality that was displayed through the self-less sacrifice of Jesus.

**Consider Paul's point:** It is not likely that one would give their life for another, even if that person was good. It might happen Paul says. But who would give their life for another who hated them, sinned against them repeatedly, was their sworn enemy?

**Yet that is what God did for us!** Jesus gave His life for our sin debt when we were fully embracing our sin and fully rejecting Him.

**TRUTH POINT #4:** Jesus willingly and publicly hung on a cross, in our place, to \_\_\_\_\_ the indescribable LOVE of God, poured out in the face of our rejection of Him. Jesus is the physical manifestation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Friend, if you ever find yourself doubting God's LOVE for you, stop, look to the cross, and you will find an indescribable, matchless LOVE that was, and is expressed for you.

#### **#4. SECURE IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST – VS9-11**

Paul wraps up this section of his letter to the saints in Rome telling them that God's LOVE, accessed by FAITH, through JESUS, is **SECURE**.

**TRUTH POINT #5:** Jesus' death for sin is the **guarantee** that God's wrath is \_\_\_\_\_, and His resurrection is the **guarantee** that His life will **eternally** \_\_\_\_\_ **your life** as well.

This is the result of the RECONCILIATION Paul mentions in **VS10&11**.

**TRUTH POINT #6:** Jesus gave Himself to provide an \_\_\_\_\_ out of the kingdom of condemnation into an eternal right relationship with The Father. It is NOT dependent on our ability to maintain it or to demonstrate our worthiness, but on the \_\_\_\_\_ that only the blood of the Son of God can provide.

The JUSTIFICATION that comes by FAITH in Jesus brings...

- PEACE with God
- SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT out of adversity
- The blessing of GOD'S LOVE demonstrated
- SECURITY of RIGHT STANDING and ETERNAL LIFE through The Blood and New Life of Christ Jesus.

## WRAP UP

Romans started off with a bleak picture of humanity's condemned position with God. However, as the curtain is pulled back, the light and love of God through Jesus Christ is beginning to dispel the darkness of sin's curse.

Every one of us begin our lives under the condemnation of God. Without regard to degree or amount we are all sinners, equally guilty, equally condemned, and equally headed for eternal separation from God in Hell.

However, God's plan, created before the foundation of the world, was that His Son would provide a way for forgiveness, right standing, and eternal life to be provided to sinners, and the pathway to that provision is by **FAITH** in Jesus, The Christ.

Have your spiritual eyes been opened to your spiritual need, and it's answer in Jesus? By FAITH have you turned from sin and self to embrace reconciliation with The Father through Jesus?

If you have then you are indeed blessed, and WORSHIP is the continual position you should take toward Him, giving our whole self, to serve, honor, and glorify Him for the precious gift of salvation and eternal life He has given us.

As recipients of His grace, we are **commissioned** to share the Good News about this reconciliation with others.

- Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear that Good News?
- Are you ready to share it when God opens the door of opportunity?
- Will you tell them of God's LOVE demonstrated in Jesus?
- Do you need help? Will you let us help you?

If you have yet to believe, are your eyes opening to your sin? As you have heard in this message from **Romans 5... Right Standing with God** can be yours, if by FAITH you enter into a **Right Relationship with Jesus**.

Do you have questions?

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