

Christ, the Ultimate Source
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I. **Rom. 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God through** our Lord Jesus Christ:

- Peace with God through Him
- This is why scripture calls Him the Prince of Peace.

II. **Rom. 5:2** **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- Access to **standing grace** through Him
 - ▶ How is it that we are able to defend the faith, to be resolute and convinced in our hearts when we hear people say there is no God, there is no after-life, there is no judgment? How is it we are able to stand against the wiles of the devil? **Rom. 14:4** says, “God is able to make (us) stand.” This is it here!
 - ▶ Also, we talk about the fact that we are saved eternally, and we glory in this that God may be magnified in His power. But do we ever think about the fact that our power to remain saved (we call this perseverance) comes directly from Christ.
 - ▶ Our verse here tells us that the very portal through which we obtain this grace is made possible by Jesus Christ (By whom...access...into this grace)

III. **Rom. 5:9** Much more then, being now **justified by his blood**, we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.

- Justified by His blood
 - ▶ Do we know what it takes to be justified? It takes the remission (deliverance; forgiveness) of sin **Heb. 9:22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**
- Saved from wrath through Him
- Without Christ, the whole of creation would be awaiting the wrath of God against sin. Even now, whoever cannot lay claim to Christ as Savior is awaiting the wrath of God
 - ▶ But it is through the appeasement work of Christ that we are saved from wrath
 - ▶ Notice that this verse also teaches us that Christ having justified us by His blood is a kind of double proof that we shall be saved from wrath through Him (Much more then...).

IV. **Rom. 5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by his life**.

- Reconciled to God by His death
 - ▶ This may be the most amazing mystery in creation; that God gave His Son up to death to settle the difference that sin had made between Himself and you and I!
 - Illustrate: Imagine that you are sitting in your house, minding your own business and a villain breaks in and begins to gather trash your house. He treats you as if you weren't even there, wrecks a bunch of stuff, and begins to leave. You say, “I don't want there to be bad blood between us over this, so I am going to give you all my money to take with you.”
- Saved by His life
 - ▶ Here is the crown jewel of Christ's superlative salvation success! Without this, we would not have anything to look forward to in eternity. But the very word “saved” here should give us visions of being preserved and snatched out of destruction. Then, note that this is done “by His life.” So, it is because Jesus lives that we have complete salvation. Without that overcoming life He possesses,

there would be no life for any creature beyond the grave.

V. **Rom. 5:11** And not only *so*, but we also **joy in God through** our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now **received the atonement**.

- Joy in God through Him
- Received the atonement (restored to divine favor) through Him
 - Illustrate: When a governor or president pardons someone who is in prison, they are freed from imprisonment, released back to society. But, the governor or the president may not necessarily look upon those people as friends. But this scripture tells us that God not only freed us from prison and restored us back to heavenly society, but He actually looks on us as friends...we are God's pals! We are among His favorites.

VI. Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more **the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many**.

- The grace of God and the gift by grace abounded toward us because of Him
- The grace of God which provided the gift of wiping away the offense
- This is about spiritual cleansing grace; it is another way of referring to imputed righteousness - it is available through Christ.
- **Verse 19** goes with this: **Rom. 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so **by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous**.
 - Made righteous by His obedience

VII. **Rom. 5:17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall **reign in life by one**, (Jesus Christ.)

- A reign in life for us, by Him
 - Remember that **Rev. 1:6** tells us that Christ has made us kings and priests unto God

VIII. **Rom. 5:21** That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign **through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord**.

- Eternal life for us because of **His righteousness**