

## ROMANS CHAPTER 5

### Vs 1-11 THE RESULTS OF “JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH”

Therefore having been justified by faith:

1. We have peace with God – vs 1
2. We have obtained a grace platform to stand upon – vs 2
3. We exult in hope of the glory of God – vs 2
4. We exult in our tribulations – vs 3-5
5. We shall be saved from the wrath of God – vs 9-10
6. We exult in God – vs 11

### Vs 1 Therefore 4:25 is summarized as “having been” (aorist participle)

“having been declared righteous” looks back to a fact that happened.

As believers, the moment we believed, God declared us righteous, never to change His mind Rom 4 with “we have” the following results:

Peace with God – God holds nothing against us

1. God has fully judged our sin upon Christ, our substitute
2. God is so completely satisfied with Christ’s sacrifice that He will eternally remain so
3. God is therefore at rest about us forever
4. It is not through what God is now doing for us, but through what He did do on the Cross.  
He made peace by the blood of His cross (“It is finished.”)
5. Thousands strive for inward peace, never once resting where God is resting – in the finished work of Christ on Calvary’s Cross.

### Vs 2 “Also we have...” access into a wonderful standing in Divine Favor Rom 8:31 “God is for us” We stand on grace Rom 6:14 We exult in hope of the glory of God Jn 17:22, Rom 8:16-17; Col 3:4; 1 Jn 3:2

### “Vs 3 Not only this – We look back to peace made with God at the Cross

But we also exult in the present tribulations, knowing that God is at work in us...we are under no delusion  
Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 2:21; 2 Cor 4:8-11; 6:4-10

Our assessment of our “plight” is different than the way the world looks at it.  
2 Cor 4:17; 12:10 keeping the balance by remembering all suffering is not necessary. 1 Pet 4:12-16

The process that God’s tribulation takes us through is mapped out for us:

- TRIBULATION – Great conflict, trial, or distress  
An experience that tests one’s endurance, patience, or Faith
- PERSEVERANCE – Steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, Belief, or a purpose
- PROVEN CHARACTER – Moral or ethical strength (that’s been tested and found real)
- HOPE – To have confidence; trust for something with expectation of its Fulfillment  
“The theological virtue defined as the desire for a future good”  
Rom 8:24-25

Vs 5 “Hope does not disappoint”  
The object of our hope is faithful and we will not be disappointed. His Spirit bears witness with our spirit  
Gal 4:4-7; Rom 8:15-16 and helps us get through our time of testing. Rom 8:26-27

Vs 6-8 A THREE-FOLD VIEW OF GOD’S LOVE FOR US (HELPLESS, SINNERS, ENEMIES)

Vs 6 Helpless – bankrupt of all moral and spiritual inclinations toward God; powerless to be or do good; “ungodly”  
God’s Response: He sent His Son to die for us!

Vs 7 In life it would be hard to find someone willing to die for a righteous man who lacks personal draw.

If that same righteous man was personally warm and generous-hearted, you might find someone to die for him.

Vs 8 God clearly displayed His love for us Rom 3:25, when He sent His Son to die for us when we were sinners.

Sinners – Enemy of God (vs 10) – While we were avoiding and hating God, that same God was having His Son, Jesus Christ, meet all the divine claims against us by dying for us on Calvary. This is love 1 Jn 4:9-10

Vs 9 Having been justified (completed action with continuing results) – we shall be spared the wrath of God Rom 1:18.

Vs 10 If “while we were part of the world” we were reconciled to God 2 Cor 5:17-21  
Having been reconciled (completed action) we shall be delivered by His life.  
Rom 6:4-10; 1 Cor15:12-14, 16-23, 26-28

Vs 11 We exult in God – rather than hide from Him.  
We exult in the presence of our judge through Jesus Christ  
Through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Reconciliation – a close relationship between God and ourselves has been reestablished.

We are acceptable to God.

Note: Man is always said to be reconciled to God and not God to us. This is because we were the ones with the problem, not Him.

Vs 12-21 “THE REIGN OF GRACE” THROUGH CHRIST REPLACES THE “REIGN OF DEATH” THROUGH ADAM (THE DOCTRINE OF THE TWO MEN)

#### MAJOR CONTRASTS

Two Men	Adam	vs 14
	Christ	vs 15

Two Acts	Adam	vs 12,15,17-19	one transgression
	Christ	vs 18	one righteous act

Two Results	Adam	vs 16,18,19	Condemnation
	Christ	vs 16,18,19	Justification
Two Reigns	Adam	vs 17	Death
	Christ	vs 21	Grace

### FEDERAL HEADSHIP

1. We were all made sinners by Adam's Act and not our own sins
2. We were not innocent before we personally sinned
3. We are not guilty merely because we personally sin
4. Rom 5:19 "through the one man's disobedience, the many were made sinners"
5. The angels were created a host while we were created a race
6. Illustrated in Heb 7:4-10 with an application in Heb 2:14-16

Vs 12      Therefore – salvation by Christ's work, not ours  
 Rom 3:21 – 5:11 is further reasoned  
 "through one man, sin entered into the world" Gen 2:16-17;  
 3:6,17-19 "and death through sin" Rom 8:19-23

NOTE: This truth argues against the "gap theory" and the "day/age theory". In both cases death is required before the fall of man (Adam), so death became the common experience of all men – explained in verses 13 and 14.

Vs 13      Prior to 1445 BC (giving of the Mosaic Law) sin was in the world;  
 BUT sin is not imputed when there is no law Rom 4:15.  
 God does not include, on our certificate of debt Col 2:14, wrong doing  
 that we have not been told not to do.

Vs 14      Nevertheless everyone died who lived prior to 1445 BC even though  
 they did not commit Adam's offense.

### WHAT IS PAUL SAYING?

1. Men sinned prior to 1445 BC, Rom 1:18-32. The race had rejected light and were without excuse; though they were without law.  
 God's definition of sin is not limited to the breaking of law. It also involves refusal to be controlled; self-willed (lawlessness 1 Jn 3:4)
2. That all men are accused by their own conscience Rom 2:13-16

3. That the sin of men became so bad at times that judgement was required – Flood, Sodom, etc
4. Nevertheless – the “sentence of death” upon humanity was the result of Adam’s one offense and not the many others.  
Adam’s sin was a willful violation of a direct command of God with specified consequences. Whenever we bury a baby, this is born out.
5. Adam’s action with its result affecting the entire human race, is a “type” of Christ’s one act of obedience, affecting that same human race in its entirety. In short “condemnation by the one, and justification by the Other.”
6. This same truth is taught in 1 Cor 15:22,47,49. These two men have done that which affects all of humanity.

Vs 15            There is a difference as to degree of impact comparing the acts of the two men

1. The transgression of Adam affected everyone
2. The obedience of the One, Jesus Christ, the man and God, resulted in grace, abounding to the many
3. The transgression is dwarfed in comparison with the one act of righteousness and that which it affected.

Vs 16            And the gift (of Justification) is not like the condemnation that comes from Adam’s act

1. Adam’s one transgression – Universal condemnation
2. Christ’s one act of obedience for both the sin of Adam and the individual sins of humanity – Justification

Vs 17            By the transgression of the one (Adam), death reigned through the act of the one  
MUCH MORE  
Only to those who receive Christ, the abundance of grace, the gift of righteousness will reign in life 1 Cor 15:51-55

Vs 18            SO THEN – repeat it again  
Through one transgression – condemnation to all men  
Through one act of righteousness – justification or the basis for life to all men

Vs 19        Verses 12 and 19 both state the same truth – by the one act of sin, all men became sinners (dead in sin);  
                 Through the obedient act of Christ, the many will be made righteous.

Vs 20        The Law was given to increase man's problem. Man is a sinner and suffers the consequence of that position, and now that he has the law, he has become a sinner who sins and is guilty of each individual act.  
GOOD NEWS...WHERE SIN INCREASES – GRACE INCREASES MORE!

Vs 21        It is God's desire that grace reign in our lives to the same extent that sin once did. In Romans chapter 6, Paul will tell us God's plan for making this a reality.