

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Preparing our Hearts for Worship

"This is what the LORD says:

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD."

- Jeremiah 9:23-24

THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

*“THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE
BY FAITH”*

chapter 5

Purpose

The primary purpose of today's message from Romans 5 is to understand the resulting benefits of "justification by faith."

1. Peace with God (vs. 1-2)
2. Purpose in Suffering (vs. 3-4)
3. Poured out Love (vs. 5-11)
4. Perfect Representation (vs. 12-21)

1. Peace with God (vs. 1-2)

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

2. Purpose in Suffering (vs. 3-4)

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

How does character produce hope?

“Character produces hope by transforming raw endurance into a tested, confident trust in God's faithfulness rather than self-reliance.”

— John Piper

3. Poured out Love (vs. 5-11)

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we
have now been justified by his blood, how much more
shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For
if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to
him through the death of his Son, how much more,
having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his
life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have
now received reconciliation.

4. Perfect Representative (vs. 12-21)

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Two Adams – Adam and Jesus

The first Adam's sin brought death and condemnation to all, while the second Adam's obedience brings justification and life.

Individual vs. Representative

Individual

Appealing because it seems to give control of our own destiny, but unrealistic because we are all affected by the decisions and actions of others.

Representative

Appealing because it gives the opportunity for victory despite our losing performance. Realistic in that we see this taking place everywhere we look.

Good News!

“There are 3 great transfers:

- 1) Adam’s guilt to us.*
- 2) Our guilt to Jesus.*
- 3) Jesus’ righteousness to us.*

If you think #1 is unfair, look at #3.”

- Matt Smethurst

Good News!

“The first Adam said, ‘Don’t blame me, blame my wife.’ The second Adam said, ‘Don’t blame my wife, blame me.’”

- R.C. Sproul

The Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”