

Romans Part 17 – Chapter 5

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Romans 5:1-11

Last week we studied the first three of six truths found in Romans 5 that shows us our eternal security with God and the depth of our relationship with Him.

1. **Truth #1** “We have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus”. “We are no longer at war with God”. Paul ties in justification with reconciliation. Our sin was paid for, and covered.

John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Revelation 14:10-11 “He also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

Romans 2:5 “But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”

2. **Truth #2** We are **in** grace. Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. Grace can only function where there is **failure**. **Romans 5:2:** *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Does “mercy” fit into this? Paul makes that distinction in **Romans 9:23:** *And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon objects (vessels) of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory.* What does mercy assume about us? That we do not deserve His riches or glory.

3. **Truth #3 – We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.** We are not predestined to be incomplete but predestined to be complete. Notice what **Romans 8:29** *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son.* **Romans 5:2:** *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Notice also that we are to “rejoice.” Our confidence in the hope of glory and glorification is secure and, when meditated on, can be overwhelming. And if/when we rejoice in that hope, we can also rejoice in what Paul talks about next:

Romans 5:3

³ *Not only that, but we **rejoice** in our sufferings,*

knowing that suffering produces endurance (smooth sailing does not make a great sailor),

⁴ and endurance produces character,

and character produces hope, (did you notice a complete circle? – we are back to “hope.”)

Paul goes into this more deeply in Romans 8:

Romans 8:18-27 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the eagerly awaiting creation waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

²³ *And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

²⁶ *Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

Romans 5:5 *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

- 4. Truth #4** *God's love has been poured into our hearts.* The unbeliever feels none of that. The unregenerate individual senses no affinity to God, senses no intimacy with God, senses no real communion with God. But for those of us who know Jesus Christ, God has put His Spirit in us and His Spirit in us draws us into an intimate love relationship with the living God Himself. Security in our salvation comes not only from external revelation but from the heart.

Remember about 6 months ago when we reviewed interpretation and the many versions of scripture? We reviewed that in some cultures the “center of the emotions” is the liver. God's love is poured into the center of our emotions.

Notice the next verses that show God's love for us:

⁶ *For while we were still weak* (remember ἀσθενέω or astheneo – pronounced az-then-a-ho, from James 5? This means weak or without power, only sometimes “sick”), *at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

⁷ *For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but **God shows his love for us** in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love." If in your life, by disobedience you quench the Spirit, if in your life by unrighteousness, by unconfessed sin, by disobedience you grieve the Spirit, you will cause the Spirit to bear no fruit. You will hinder that operation. And what we can lose is the sense of love.

But Paul also tells us in **Romans 8:38-39:** *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

⁹ *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

5. **Truth #5** *We are justified by His blood* – there is deliverance

We were made right with God by the blood of Jesus Christ, we will be saved from the wrath to come through Christ. That transaction covers past, present and future. And the wrath to come is the lake of fire.

Notice also that this is the shedding of his blood, not a drop of blood, but that in the next verse it leads to his death. Sacrifices on the alter were the shedding of blood that led to death.

Look at **Hebrews 7:25:** "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." Stop there. You come to God through Jesus Christ and He will save you to the what? To the uttermost. What does that mean? To the fullest, to the extreme end of salvation. How's He going to do that? What about when you sin, and so forth?

The rest of the verse: "Seeing," here's how, "He ever lives to make (What?) intercession for them." You know why it is that Christ saves us by His life, Romans 5:10? Because while He is alive now at the right hand of the Father, what is He doing? Interceding for us, taking our case and saying, Father, that's My child, I have borne their sin, I've borne their judgment, I've borne Your wrath, they're to be forgiven. And He intercedes, He ever, ever, ever lives to make intercession for us and thus carries our salvation to the extreme, the uttermost, and that is ultimate glorification. And when Jesus said, "Because I live," John 14:19, "you shall live also," He wasn't just talking about the resurrection there. He was saying, "Because I live you shall live also, because I live now I will intercede for you to be sure that your eternal life is eternal." Great truth.

¹⁰ *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.* ¹¹ *More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

6. **Truth #6** *We have joy*

“More than that, (that we are reconciled and saved by Jesus giving His life) we also rejoice

This is the third time joy, or rejoicing is mentioned here verse 2: "We rejoice." Verse 3 we exult, or we rejoice greatly, then here, we also rejoice. That sense of inner joy produced by the Holy Spirit. The believer's joy is all in God. We don't joy in our own righteousness, we don't joy in our own ability, our own worthiness.

We joy in God and that's why the psalmist says: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exult His name together." Joy is the second mentioned "fruit of the Spirit" mentioned in Galatians 5:22

So, we're secure, kept by God because He's faithful. And the means by which He keeps us? Peace with God, standing in grace, hope of glory, possession of love, certainty of deliverance, and finally, our joy in God.

Romans 5:12-21:

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned—¹³ for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not counted against *anyone* when there is no law.

¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the violation *committed* by Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁵ But the gracious gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many. ¹⁶ The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *offense*, resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the gracious gift *arose* from many offenses, resulting in justification.

¹⁷ For if by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was justification of life to all mankind. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The Law came in so that the offense would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, so also grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.