

Study Questions for Romans 5:1-2

1. Read Romans 5:1-2. The Greek word translated “justification” referred to the legal declaration of a judge that a person was not guilty and perfectly righteous regarding the requirements of the law. 5:1 starts with “Therefore”, refers to what had been taught about justification in chapter 3:21-4:31. In order to understand the context of Romans 5:1, read the verses listed below and describe what each tells us about God’s justification of sinners?
Romans 3:22 -
Romans 3:24 –
Romans 3:25 – 26 How did God remain righteous in justifying sinners? -
Romans 4:4 – How does God relate to a person who trusts in his works to be justified?
Romans 4:5 – What kind of person does God justify?
2. In Romans 5:1 is justification described as past, present, or future tense? What are the implications of this? Would it make any difference if Justification were described in a different tense? How?
3. How does the Bible’s description of justification being a past, final completed act through faith alone in Christ alone, differ from religions views of how to be justified?
4. What does 5:1 reveal a believer in Christ has, because of their being justified by faith in Christ? Why do you think God wanted us to know this? What difference does it make knowing this? Would it make any difference if we didn’t know this?
5. Note: “peace with God” means removal of all hostility. Complete and permanent reconciliation and friendship. What does Ephesians 2:12-15 tell us about how God enabled sinners to be at peace with him? What does Jesus say about this in John 14:6?
6. What does Romans 5:2 say we have obtained through Christ?
7. What does God’s grace mean? What does 5:2 say about us and God’s grace?
8. How does 5:2 say we have obtained our introduction (access) to grace?
9. According to 5:2, we are justified by faith, and have access to God’s grace by faith. There is no grace of God to save us or sanctify (change us to be more godly) apart from faith.
10. Why do you think God wants us to know we have permanent access and are standing in His grace? What affect could it have on us if we didn’t know this? Have you ever felt like

you are no longer loved by God or standing in his grace? How would Romans 5:1-2 help you the next time you feel that way?

11. Which of the following descriptions are the ways you sometimes feel about God when you fail or sin?
 - a. He no longer loves me.
 - b. I try to do good to get him to love me again.
 - c. I stay away from God's people and his word since I am a failure
 - d. I give up and continue to sin since I am separated from God.
 - e. I confess to the Lord my sin and thank him for his love, forgiveness and faithfulness to me since In Christ, he has justified me, and I stand in his grace.

12. What does the final sentence of Romans 5:2 say we do? What has he previously said about us in 5:1-2 that would cause us to do this? NOTE: this joy of exultation is not based on our circumstances or feelings but Christ's work for us.

13. What do the following verses tell us about the future glory of God that we are eagerly anticipating?
 - a. Romans 8:18-19
 - b. Titus 2:11-13
 - c. 1 John 3:2-3
 - d. Colossians 3:2-4

14. How has learning and thinking about your Justification through faith in Christ affected you?
15. Memorize Romans 5:1