



Peace with God

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Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^{1a} have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

MESSAGE NOTES

Because we are reconciled to God...

1. We have ALL ACCESS to God.

v. 2 – “we also have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand”

The Temple language and imagery

The ‘WE Scandal’ of chapter 5

2. We REJOICE in our SUFFERINGS.

v.2 “and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God”

v.3 “we also rejoice in our sufferings”

vv. 3-4 suffering -> endurance -> character -> hope

Where does our confidence in hope come from?

v.5 “because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”

How can I know that God loves me?

v. 8 “God shows his own love for us in that while we were still *sinners*, Christ died for us.”

3. The PROMISE must depend on faith.

vv. 9-11 “much more” appears two times; “more” appears three times

And so...

GOING DEEPER

We want to encourage you to invest more time into the book of Romans. Like we said, we won't be looking at EVERYTHING in Romans but we will be looking at ENOUGH. Here are some ways for you to go deeper into Romans:

Pray about what you learned today.

If God spoke to you today, find a quiet space and take the time to respond to God in prayer.

Huddle up with some friends.

Join with one of our Home Groups that is going through Romans. Email micah@thecrosspointchurch.ca to learn how to join a group.

Do a deeper Bible Study.

You can access our Home Group study for the week at thecrosspointchurch.ca/notes. Do the "Deeper in the Word" session for yourself.

Read through the entire book of Romans.

In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Not sure what translations to use? Try the NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB, and The Message. If you need more translations of the Bible you can access them [here](#).

Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube.

Check out the first of two videos [here](#).

Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T. Wright as you go through the series.

You can order a copy [here](#).

Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo.

Sign up for the course [here](#).

Read and pray through Romans in 31 days.

These don't need to be consecutive days! You can find a helpful guide [here](#).