

"The Doctrine of Justification"

Romans 3:21-5:11

Part 13

Introduction: In our study of Romans we are currently in one of the richest passages of the Word of God. We are in Romans 5 and in this chapter, Paul is pointing to the blessings which we have THROUGH Jesus Christ. These are the blessings we have because of the FINISHED WORK of Jesus Christ upon the cross.

Now in the previous chapter Paul pointed out how we are saved by grace through faith and not by works, keeping the Law, or by any ceremony or ritual or rite. Justification is by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ PLUS NOTHING. In writing this letter Paul knew there would be those who would have many questions concerning justification. Are you sure faith is enough? If we are justified by grace through faith what must we do to maintain our justification? Do we not need to keep the Law in order to be sure we are saved? Do we not need to live up to a certain standard in order to maintain our salvation? These are just a few of the questions that people would have raised and still raise today. In this chapter Paul speaks directly to those who would ask these questions.

I. **The Security of the Believer**

Part 2

Last week in our study we looked at two blessings which we have as believers both of which secure our salvation.

Notice Romans 5:1a

This is the foundation upon which all these blessings hang. The word JUSTIFIED is in the past tense. It is not in the present tense which means this verse is not saying, "We are being justified as we speak." The word is in the past tense which means we have been JUSTIFIED. When we repented of our sin and we rested our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ upon the cross we were immediately JUSTIFIED which means we were DECLARED RIGHTEOUS.

Romans 3:22, 24

²² Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

When we rest our faith in Christ God removes our sin from our account and He imputes to our account His RIGHTEOUSNESS and this happens immediately at the moment we accept Christ. At that moment we are DECLARED RIGHTEOUS. We are not progressively justified.

So, since we have been justified we now have these great spiritual blessings through Christ.

Notice Romans 5:1

1. **We have peace with God.**

This is NOT the peace OF God which keeps our hearts and minds in the midst of the storms of life. This is peace WITH God. Before we were saved we were enemies of God.

Romans 5:10

*¹⁰ For if, **when we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

We were set against Him and we served the Devil as we followed the lusts of the flesh. But when Jesus Christ went to the cross He made peace with God on our behalf by the shedding of His blood.

Colossians 1:20-22

*²⁰ And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

*²¹ **And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled***

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

We are now soldiers in God's army and we are on His side. We have eternal peace with God because it was the blood of Jesus Christ which satisfied the righteous demands of God.

2. **We have access into the presence of God by the grace which we stand in.**

Notice Romans 5:2

We stepped into this thought last week but there is more I want you to see. There are two words here that are very important. The word "**ACCESS**" and the word "**GRACE**". Paul tells us that THROUGH the finished work of Jesus Christ we now have ACCESS into the presence of God. This was something which the priests of the Old Covenant could never do.

They could not in any way bring the common man into the presence of God. It was only one man under the Old Covenant who was able on one day of the year to come into the presence of God and that was the high priest.

Exodus 19:9-24

⁹ *And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.*

¹⁰ *And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,*

¹¹ *And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.*

¹² *And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:*

¹³ *There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.*

¹⁴ *And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.*

¹⁵ *And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.*

¹⁶ *And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.*

¹⁷ *And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.*

¹⁸ *And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.*

¹⁹ *And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.*

²⁰ And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

²¹ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

²² And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

²³ And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.

²⁴ And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

Let me show you what the writer of Hebrews said concerning the Law.

Hebrews 7:19

¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

The Law could not bring one man into the presence of God, but the NEW HOPE did and by the NEW HOPE we draw near to God.

Jesus Christ is the NEW HOPE and it is through Him that we are able at ANYTIME to enter into the presence of God.

1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

In the Temple there was a veil which separated the Holy place from the Holy of Holies. This veil represented sin for it was sin that has separated man from God. But when Jesus died He died to pay for our sins and to make a way for us to enter into the presence of God.

Matthew 27:50-51

⁵⁰ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

⁵¹ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

The veil was torn in twain and now access to God has been made through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Sin has been paid for and removed from the believer's account and for that reason we can enter the throne room anytime.

Hebrews 4:16

¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly[confidently] unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:19-20

*¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;*

Notice Romans 5:2 again.

Now our **STANDING** is in grace. We are surrounded in our standing by a sea of grace. We do not move in and out of grace we are rooted in grace. Grace is unmerited favor, or we could say, "It is getting what we do not deserve". We do not deserve to be in the presence of God but because we are presently standing in grace we have access to God all the time. We are saved by grace through faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Now listen to this, we are saved by grace which means we get what we do not deserve and that is forgiveness and eternal life, then after we are saved God allows us to remain in that very grace. We are firmly planted in God's grace. Now because we are saved by grace and now we are standing in grace that means we have **UNLIMITED FORGIVENESS**. Let me show you the words of Jude on this thought.

Jude 1:24-25

²⁴ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ *To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

We are not responsible to keep ourselves saved. That is what the present ministry of Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest is all about.

Romans 5:10

¹⁰ *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

We are kept saved by the present life of Jesus Christ as He intercedes for us in heaven, He is our High Priest.

Romans 8:31-34

³¹ *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

³² *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

³³ *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

³⁴ *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

God is the One who declared us righteous and there is no higher Judge. So the question then is, "Who is greater than God who can condemn us?" The answer is, "THERE IS NO ONE WHO CAN CONDEMN US FOR GOD HAS DECLARED US RIGHTEOUS!"

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

⁴ *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

⁵ *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

3. **We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

We do not have time to get into the depths of this, but I will open it up to help you to see what we shall look at next week.

Notice Romans 5:2 again.

Let me first of all explain what the glory of God is. The glory of God is the full manifestation of His person. Jesus Christ was the GLORY of the Father for He was the full manifestation of God.

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

² Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

³ Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

When Paul writes about the believer rejoicing in hope of the glory of God he is speaking of our ultimate glorification or we could say, the time when God's person will be manifest in each one of His children completely.

Conclusion:

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Our glorification is so sure that God speaks about it as it is already complete.