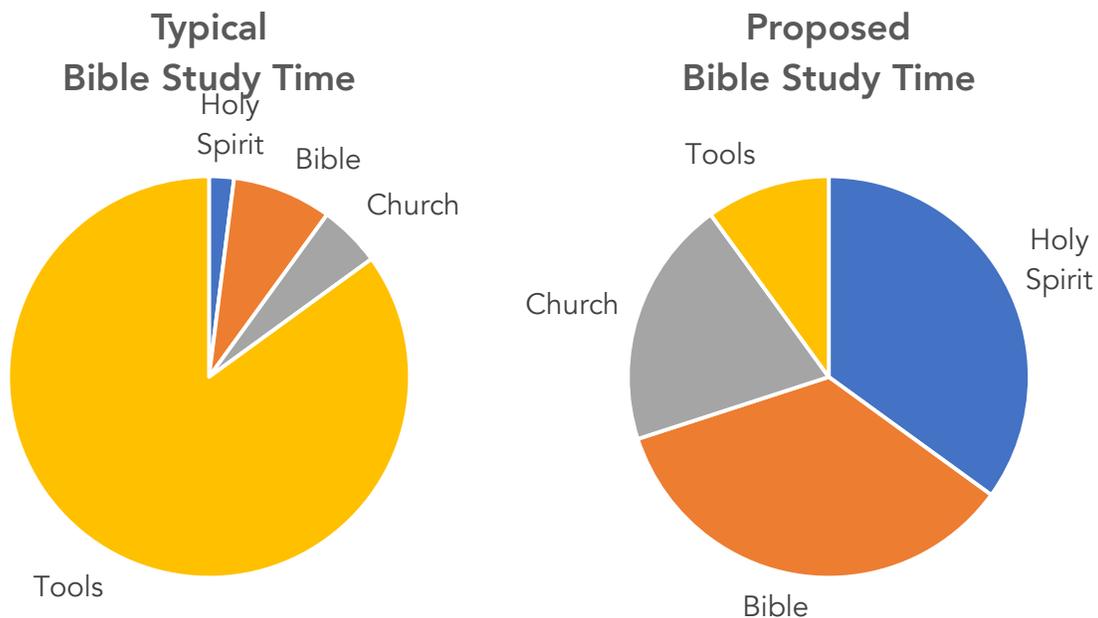


Romans

Peace with God Through Faith ([Romans 5:1-11](#))

Introduction

A gentle review: **Did we do this?** Spend more time with God and His Word than with anyone and anything else.



Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize).

Here's our outline of the book of [Romans](#) (summarized from the ESV's outline):

- ✓ Paul's Introduction & Righteousness Introduced ([1:1-17](#))
- ✓ Righteous Wrath ([1:18-3:20](#))
- ✓ Saving Righteousness ([3:21-4:25](#))
- 4. Righteous Freedom ([5:1-8:39](#)) (post-Easter to July 4)
- 5. Righteousness → Jews ([9:1-11:36](#)) (post July 4 to Labor Day)
- 6. Righteous Living ([12:1-15:13](#)) (post Labor Day to October)
- 7. Paul's Closing ([15:14-16:23](#)) (November to early December)
- 8. Righteousness Summarized ([16:25-27](#)) (December & wrap up)

Today's text ([Romans 5:1-11](#)) is the first part of our next major section.

Read: Peace with God Through Faith (5:1-11)

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

6 For while we were still weak, 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. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 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.

Explain: Peace with God Through Faith (5:1-11)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

As Paul shifts into this new major section ([Romans 5-8](#)), he starts to list some of the benefits of righteousness—and he will continue this approach for several more chapters. These chapters can sometimes appear disconnected, but when read together, there are several consistent themes—and one is Righteous Freedom.

As far as literary/structural observations, there aren't any that jump off of the page for me.

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What do the words mean?

1 **Therefore** [a connecting word—Paul is still making arguments and connections], **since we have been justified** [aorist passive (per Robertson) participle; rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified] **by faith** [persuasion, credence, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity], **we have** [present active subjunctive (per Robertson)] **peace** [peace, prosperity, one, quietness, rest, to be set at **one** again; same word as in [Romans 1:7](#); [2:10](#); [3:17](#)]

with God through [dia] our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through [dia] him [Jesus] we have [perfect] (completed action with the results continuing) active indicative] also obtained access [admission, access] by faith [persuasion, credence, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity] into this grace [charis; graciousness, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, gracious, grace, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks, thankworthy; same word used in Romans 1:5, 7; 4:4, 16] in which we stand [perfect] (completed action with the results continuing) active indicative; stand, abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set up, stanch], and we rejoice [present middle subjunctive (per Robertson); vaunt, boast, glory, joy, rejoice; same word used in Romans 2:17, 23] in hope [expectation, confidence, faith, hope; same word used in Romans 4:17, 18] of the glory [very apparent glory, dignity, glory, honor, praise, worship; same word as in Romans 1:23; 2:7, 10, 23; 4:20] of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice [present middle subjunctive (per Robertson)] in our sufferings [pressure, affliction, anguish, burden, persecution, tribulation, trouble; same word as in Romans 2:9], knowing [perfect] (completed action with the results continuing) active participle; seeing, knowing, considering, perceiving, understanding] that suffering [pressure, affliction, anguish, burden, persecution, tribulation, trouble; same word as in Romans 2:9 and earlier in Romans 5:3] produces [present middle indicative; works fully, accomplishes, finishes, fashions, causes, does, performs, works out; same word used in Romans 2:9; 4:15] endurance [cheerful/hopeful endurance, constancy, endurance, patience, patient continuance, waiting; same word used in Romans 2:7], 4 and endurance [cheerful/hopeful endurance, constancy, endurance, patience, patient continuance, waiting; same word used in Romans 2:7, 5:3] produces [this word is not in the original language, but is added for clarity of meaning] character [test, trustiness, experience, proof, trial], and character [test, trustiness, experience, proof, trial; same word used earlier in this verse] produces [this word is not in the original language, but is added for clarity of meaning] hope [expectation, confidence, faith, hope; same word used in Romans 4:17, 18; 5:2], 5 and hope [expectation, confidence, faith, hope; same word used in Romans 4:17, 18; 5:2, 4] does [present active indicative] not put us to shame [shame down, disgrace, put to the blush, confound, dishonor], because [a connecting word] God's love [agape] has been poured [perfect] (completed action with the results continuing) passive (per Robertson) indicative; poured forth, bestowed, gushed out, run out, shed, spilled] into our hearts [heart, thoughts or feelings, middle] through [dia] the Holy Spirit who has been given [aorist middle participle] to us.

6 For while we were [present middle participle] still weak [strengthless, feeble, impotent, sick, without strength, weak], at the right time [occasion, proper time, opportunity, season, time, while] Christ died [second aorist active indicative] for the ungodly [irreverent, impious, wicked, ungodly; same word used in Romans 4:5]. 7 For

one will [future active indicative] **scarcely** [with difficulty, hardly, scarcely, with much work] **die for a righteous** [equitable, innocent, holy, just, righteous; same word used in [Romans 1:17; 2:13; 3:10, 26](#)] **person—though perhaps** [shortly, possibly, peradventure, perhaps] **for a good** [beneficial, good] **person one would dare** [present active indicative; boldness, venture, act, courageous, bold, dare] **even to die** [second aorist active infinitive] — **8 but God shows** [present active indicative; sets together, introduces, exhibits, stands near, constitutes, approves, commends, consists, makes, stands with] **his love** [*agape*] **for us in that while we were** [present middle participle] **still sinners, Christ died** [second aorist active indicative] **for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified** [aorist middle participle; rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified] **by his blood, much more shall we be saved** [future passive (per Robertson) indicative; saved, delivered, protected, healed, preserved, made whole] **by** [*dia*] **him from the wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath; same word as in [Romans 1:18; 2:5, 8; 4:15](#)] **of God. 10 For if while we were enemies** [present middle participle; hateful, odious, hostile, adversaries, enemies, foes] **we were reconciled** [second aorist passive (per Robertson) indicative; changed mutually, compounded a difference, reconcile] **to God by** [*dia*] **the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled** [second aorist middle participle; changed mutually, compounded a difference, reconcile; same word as earlier in this verse], **shall we be saved** [future middle indicative; saved, delivered, protected, healed, preserved, made whole; same word as in [Romans 5:9](#)] **by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice** [present middle participle; present middle indicative; vaunt, boast, glory, joy, rejoice; same word used in [Romans 2:17, 23; 5:2](#)] **in God through** [*dia*] **our Lord Jesus Christ, through** [*dia*] **whom we have now received** [second aorist active indicative; taken, gotten hold of, seized, accepted, received] **reconciliation** [exchange, restoration to favor, atonement, reconciliation].

Are there any repeated words?

Faith, rejoice, God, Lord Jesus Christ, suffering, endurance, character, died/death, justified, reconcile

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

Kroll:

- Justification means peace with God
- Justification means access to God
- Justification means a standing before God

- Justification means hope of glory
- Justification means exulting in our tribulations
- Justification means encouraging hope
- Justification means experiencing the love of God
- Justification means the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Justification means being saved from God's wrath
- Justification means being saved by Christ's life
- Justification means continued rejoicing

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 [Robertson: The exhortation is that we keep on enjoying peace with God and keep on exulting in hope of the glory of God. Schreiner: Those who scorned God's glory and have fallen short (by our very nature) are now promised a future share in it.]. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings [Robertson: It is one thing to submit to or endure tribulations without complaint, but it is another to find ground of glorying in the midst of them as Paul exhorts here], knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. [first paragraph dominos: Justification → peace → rejoicing in suffering → endurance → character → hope]

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Christ died for sinners; Christ's shed blood justifies; Christ's death reconciles us to the Father; Christ's resurrection saves us

Second paragraph dominos: Reconciliation → rejoicing in God through Christ

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Christ brings **peace** with the Father (through faith)
2. Christ brings **hope** for today (through dominos that fall after suffering)
3. Christ brings **reconciliation** with the Father (through His death and resurrection)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Live in peace with the **Father** (have the right view of Him)
2. Live in hope right **now** (have the right view of circumstances and the future)
3. Live in reconciliation with the **Father** (have the right view of our relationship)

Next week: Death in Adam, Life in Christ (5:12-21)

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— **13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS

- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com) by Wed)

Quotes & Observations

Jessica Norris (Kroll)

Paul turns from being the ultimate bearer of bad news to the ultimate cheerleader in this section and I am glad for it! He does keep us grounded in reminding us that it's not all going to be roses from here on out. We are going to suffer but we should rejoice in that because that suffering produces endurance which produces endurance, which produces character, which then produces hope and a life without hope is a very bleak one.

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The Love of God, by Frederick Lehman

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole tho stretched from sky to sky.

Julia Gregg (Schreiner)

Thoughts for this week . . . after some personal experiences over the last decade or so just my author's title this week: "hope in suffering," peeled back an emotional layer. It's interesting to me that IMO thus far Paul has been direct in his argument—much like a court case delivered to the Supreme Court. However, in the next few verses (and maybe it's my own personal experience) but there seems to be an emotional layer in the section of the argument. The term peace resonates more with reconciliation than it does with a spirit at rest. This thought of reconciliation further addresses the truth that GOD fulfilled his covenantal promise to his people in providing Himself a lamb . . . not just a lamb—but THE LAMB. "[it] **describes in a comprehensive way God's goodness to**

his people. Now this peace is available to both Jews and Gentiles who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for the church is the eschatological community of God." (253)

An interesting side note to me here is that much of today's church has lost a sense of community and I feel this inhibits some understanding of the new testament church—its purpose and its mission . . . back to thought.

Paul focuses on the fact that the peace with God ONLY becomes a reality through the Davidic king. This peace is the first blessing offered.

The second is "**grace in which we stand**"—which again is a reality only through Jesus Christ. Best sentence of this section for me was . . . 254—I kept coming back to "**those who scorned God's glory and have fallen short (by our very nature) are now PROMISED a future share in it.**" This grace is not a present possession but one realized in judgment—when the reality of the price paid is fully realized. It is a confidence of this future hope that Paul seems to be delivering in this portion of scripture. Hence the encouragement to endure—because endurance produces tested character which then produces hope that GOD'S wrath will not be experienced on judgment day. What a focus on the intercessory work of Christ—a hope that affliction will eventually be left behind.

As Paul moves into **verses 6-11** he focuses more on the grounds of that hope and leaves the more emotional realm to a more objective one where he discusses the "how." This hope is available as a result of the objective work of Christ on the cross. Two sentences struck me in this section—one on page 259: "**Christ died for the 'weak,' 'ungodly,' 'sinners,' and 'enemies'**"—there is a repetition here that I find interesting. Repetition in court cases and arguments are there for reasons! It draws attention and focus.

The other sentence came on page 264: "**We are saved by His life.**" It's interesting here to me because the Christian community (me included) seems to focus on our salvation coming from the death of Christ. Yes, this was necessary—but we are separated from all other religions because of His life . . . specifically the one after His death. Just a small change in perspective but a huge impact! Hence, our reconciliation is accomplished through the GIFT. "**Salvation is communicated by saying—we received the reconciliation**" (265).

Tim & Mila Archer (Maclaren)

Romans 5:1: Let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Men, on their side, are alienated, because their wills are rebellious and their aims diverse from God's purpose concerning them. On God's side, the relation has been

disturbed, and we are by nature the children of wrath, even as others, not a wrath which is unloving, no of a wrath which is impetuous and passionate, not of wrath which seeks the hurt of its objects, of the wrath which is the necessary antagonism and recoil of pure love from such creatures as we have made ourselves to be.

By faith in Christ, and grasping in faith His death, pass from out of the condition of hostility into the condition of reconciliation.

To be justified by faith is a certain process, to have peace with God is the inseparable and simultaneous result of the process itself.

Retain the peace by the exercise of the same faith which at first brought it.

Retain it by union with the same Lord from whom you at first received it.

Let your conduct be such as will not disturb your peace with God.

The smallest sin destroys, for the time being, our sense of forgiveness and our peace with God.

Romans 5:2: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.

I. The Christian Place

II. The Christian Attitude

A. A life thus suffused by the love, and enriched by the gifts, and adorned by the loveliness that come from God, will be stable and steadfast

B. Our attitude which is the result of the possession of grace, we may say that it indicates not only stability and steadfastness, but erectness, and in opposition to crouch or bowing

III. The Christian way of entrance into grace

A. We sinners can never pass into that central glory, not ever possess those gifts of grace, unless the barrier that stands between us and God, between us and His highest gifts of love, is swept away

Romans 5:2-4: we rejoice in the hope of the glory of Gd. And not only so, but we glory in the tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience, and experience hope.

I. The wonderful designation of the one object of Christian hope which should fill, with an coruscating and unflickering light, all that darkness future

II. The double source of Hope

A. Justified by faith

B. Peace with God

IV. The one emotion with which the Christian should front all the facts, inward and outward or his earthly life. The plain lesson of all this is just that we have here, in these texts, a linked chain, on end of which is wrapped around our sinful hearts, and the other is fastened to the Throne of God. You cannot drop any of the links and you must begin at the beginning, if you are to be carried to the end.

Romans 5:5: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which He has given unto us.

I. The Spirit given

II. Love shed abroad by the Spirit

III. Hope is established by the love poured out

Romans 5:8: But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

I. What Paul thought Jesus Christ died for

A. Christ died of His own accord

B. Voluntary death

II. How does Christ's death commend God's love

A. You have seen me, You have seen the Father

B. God so love the world that He sent His son

III. What kind of love does Christ's death declare to us as existing in God

A. A love that is turned away by no sin

B. God lays siege to all hearts in that great sacrifice