

Cornerstone Bible Church

The Crown of The Gospel

(Romans 5:1-2)

Survey of Romans part 14

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Introduction:

“The short circuit.”

Text: Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Introduction:

“The short circuit.”

- Explaining justified by grace alone is not difficult.
- Proving it with Scripture is very easy.
- Living in light of that truth, is a daunting task.

Link: Paul moves on to consider what Luther calls “the good works that result from faith”: Peace, Assurance, Hope, Endurance, Proven character and Love

Outline: PREMISE and RESULTS

I – THE PREMISE:

“Therefore having been justified by faith.”

Therefore → Look back before proceeding

- a) Without exception, ALL HAVE SINNED
- b) It is impossible to keep the standard of the Law.
- c) Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to be justified

II – THE RESULTS: Luther “the works of faith”

Peace, assurance, holy boasting, hope, endurance, a proven character and love

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a) Peace

- Justification is already executed: “Having been”.
- We do not need to be in constant **self-validation**.
(Sales, MLB, NBA, NFL or the Olympics)
- “Having been justified by faith...” IT IS FINISHED!
- The result is permanent: “we have peace with God”.
- **Through our Lord Jesus Christ**. He won the right, kept the Law suffered in our place. We cannot reverse it!
- It is very easy to say it, but we are the salesman!
- This is the daily battle of the mind!

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b) Assurance: 2a) “through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand”

- Through Jesus we have been ushered in by faith
- “This Grace” includes everything!
- WE STAND IN THIS GRACE, a position of confident assurance.
- Because it is a present indicative, this remaining effect is irrevocable. **It will always be our condition.**

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c) Holy boasting: 2b) “and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
3a) And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations”

- We boast about many silly things, don’t we?
Yankees, Lebron/MJ, Patriots, cars, homes, jobs & family
- Justification by Faith makes us BOAST IN HOPE

“I know that my Redeemer lives ... my eyes will the Him.” Job 19:25

“I will be satisfied when I awake in your likeness” Psalm 17:15

“Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us... but it is not yet manifested what we will be.” 1 John 3:1-ff

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c) Holy boasting

- We also exult in tribulations – when the storm has passed – our roof endured!

Benefits that are derived from tribulations.

d) Endurance: 3b knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance

- Standing under the weight.
- God’s LA FITNESS.
- God uses them to carve us into the image of Christ
- *Endurance is a hallmark of justifying grace. “Those who persevere to the end...”*

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e) Proven character 4a) and perseverance, proven character;

- After you endure, your character is approved.
- *“I have seen many Christians rise and shine for a while, but I know very few who have passed the test of time.”*
- Paul’s advise to Timothy “so that his progress may be manifest to all.”
- Foot surgery PT: “NO PAIN, NO GAIN.”

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f) Hope 4b) and proven character, hope; 5a) and hope does not disappoint

- We hate affliction.
- They are God’s instrument to breed HOPE in us.
 - *If our earthly tent is torn down, God has prepared an edifice for us in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 4:1*
 - *Momentary light affliction produced in us an eternal weight of Glory 2 Corinthians 4:17*
 - *Afflictions make us look, not to the things that are seen which are temporary, but to those which are eternal in heaven 2 Corinthians 4:18*
 - *The afflictions of the present time, cannot be compared to the eternal weight of Glory that awaits us. Romans 8:18*

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f) Hope

- If our earthly tent is torn down, God has prepared an edifice for us in the heavens.

We are IN CURVATUS EN SE (bent over toward ourselves and cannot handle happiness, joy or glory for too long without a thorn in the flesh to humble us.

The legend behind “Cobbler stick to thy last”

We are the cobbler!

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g) Love

5b) because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

This is the closing of the loop. The result of the amazing feat of the cross.

- The LOVE OF GOD poured (lavished abundantly) within our hearts.
- Through the Holy Spirit given to us. The greatest of all GIFTS. The Spirit of God in us!
- Jesus bought on the cross a privilege we seldom consider. **“it is better for you that I leave.”** So that the Holy Spirit may come.

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5b) because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- The Holy Spirit is the token of the inheritance that awaits us Ephesians 1:13 – if this is the token, imagine the inheritance!
- Now **Peace, assurance, boasting, hope, endurance, proven character & love** are the RESULTS of justifying faith.
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LOOK FOR THEM!** Go to the source and fountain. Go to Jesus!

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