

Romans 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.

Having declared the just and justifying grace of God for sinners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Paul goes on in Romans 5-8 to speak of the fruits of our justification and the sure hope we have in Christ. We now have peace with God and nothing can undo that! – not suffering, nor sin, nor death, nor the law. In Christ Jesus, we now stand in the grace of God and nothing can separate us from his love.

Where we are heading...

- Can we be sure?
 - Nothing can stand in the way!
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The “fruits” of our justification in Christ...

- “we have **PEACE** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
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- “we have also obtained **ACCESS** by faith **INTO THIS GRACE** in which we stand...”

- “we **REJOICE** in **HOPE** of the **GLORY** of God.”

We also rejoice in our sufferings... which bear their own fruit.

- Perseverance

- Character

- Hope

- “...and this hope does not disappoint us!”

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