

Romans 5:1-11

- The doctrine of Grace - Chapters 1-8
 - All have sinned - Chapters 1-3
 - Saved by faith alone - Chapters 4-5
 - Victory over sin - Chapters 6-8
- Examples of Faith...
 - To prove the point we can ONLY be saved by FAITH – we were given TWO examples of FAITH...
 - Abraham – was COUNTED [λογίζομαι] righteous because he BELIEVED – **Genesis 15:6**
 - Not because of what he had DONE [wages] – but as a GIFT [grace]
 - King David – was BLESSED because God did NOT count [λογίζομαι] his SIN – **Psalms 32:1**
- Promise through Faith...
 - When was Abraham COUNTED [λογίζομαι] righteous - before he was CIRCUMCISED...
 - So that he might become the FATHER of ALL [πᾶς] who believe [Jew and Gentile]
 - Because God had PROMISED Abraham he would have children as the STARS - **Genesis 17:5**
 - An IMPOSSIBLE promise because he was 75 years old and had NO kids...
 - Yet Abraham looked up – and BELIEVED God could give LIFE to his DEAD body...
 - And that God could SEE the children that had NOT been born yet [Isaac]
 - This was NOT written just for Abraham – it was also written for us...
 - That we might believe what God said [the impossible] – He can take away ALL of our SIN!
- 1st – RESULTS OF FAITH... vs. 1-5
 - 1st – Peace with God... vs. 1
 - Justified...
 - Therefore - having been justified by faith!
 - THEREFORE [οὖν] – because we are COUNTED [λογίζομαι] as RIGHTEOUS – **Romans 4:24**
 - NOT because of any ACTION or GOOD work we have done [Law or Religion]
 - But we BELIEVED in what God SAID – Jesus DIED for our SINS – **Romans 4:25**
 - We are now JUSTIFIED [passive] by [ἐκ] FAITH – just as if we NEVER sinned – **Romans 1:17**
 - And the RESULT of our JUSTIFICATION comes with FIVE benefits:
 - Through Jesus...
 - We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!
 - FIRST – because we are JUSTIFIED - we have PEACE [εἰρήνη] with [πρὸς] God...
 - Before we had FAITH – we were ENEMIES of God – we were destined for WRATH...
 - But because we put our FAITH in Jesus – and God JUSTIFIED us [passive]
 - We now have [present] PEACE with God – we are NO longer fear the JUDGEMENT!
 - People FEAR death – because they KNOW what comes afterwards...
 - We will ALL stand before the JUDGEMENT seat of Christ – **II Corinthians 5:10**
 - For most it will be a BAD day when the books are opened [second death] – **Revelation 20:13**
 - But for those who are JUSTIFIED – we have PEACE knowing our SINS are forgiven!
 - Our Lord...
 - That PEACE is not just for the JUDGEMENT day – it is for EVERY day...
 - When [διὰ] Jesus Christ is our Lord [κύριος] – we have CONTINUAL peace [present]!
 - We would not go to your enemy for help – or look to them for encouragement...
 - We would go to a friend for help in times of trouble – a kind word – helping hand!

- Because we have peace with God – through the cross of Jesus Christ...
- We can come to the Lord for HELP and COMFORT – and receive PEACE from God!
- **Isaiah 26:3** – “You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you.” [NLT]
- 2nd - Access to Grace... vs. 2
 - By Faith...
 - Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace!
 - SECOND - because we are JUSTIFIED - we have [perfect] ACCESS by FAITH into GRACE...
 - ACCESS – the ability to GO [ἄγω] TOWARDS [πρός] something...
 - The imagery is like that of KEY that opens up a LOCKED door...
 - FAITH is the KEY [instrumental] that opens up the door to the GRACE of God...
 - GRACE [χάρις] 156x in NT – means the GIFT of God...
 - His GIFT is the CROSS of Christ – that takes away all of our SIN [justified]!
 - To Stand...
 - In which we stand!
 - And that GRACE is the ONLY way we can STAND [perfect]
 - STAND before a RIGHTEOUS – HOLY – PERFECT God [through the cross]!
 - Moses wanted to see the FACE of the Lord...
 - God let His GOODNESS [כְּלִי-טוֹבִי] pass before Moses - and He called out His name...
 - But no man can look on His FACE and live - **Exodus 33:20**
 - If Moses could NOT even look at the LORD...
 - There is NO way SINNERS like us could STAND in His presence...
 - But that is where GRACE comes in – we believe [faith] God has taken away our SIN...
 - So that we do have ACCESS into His PRESENCE – we can come BOLDLY!
 - **Hebrews 4:16** – “Let us therefore come BOLDLY to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace [χάρις] to help in time of need.”
- 3rd – Rejoice in Hope... vs. 2
 - Confident...
 - And rejoice in hope!
 - THIRD - because we are JUSTIFIED - we REJOICE in HOPE...
 - REJOICE [καυχάομαι] – more often translated as GLORY or BOAST...
 - In contrast to BOASTING in our own ABILITIES or GOODNESS...
 - We instead BOAST – put our CONFIDENCE - in our HOPE...
 - HOPE [ἐλπίς] 54x in NT carries the idea of expectation – what we EXPECT to happen!
 - We CANNOT see God – have NEVER been to heaven – have NOT seen Jesus...
 - It is only through HOPE we believe the Gospel is true – it has the power to save us...
 - By HOPE we believe that life is NOT only about living here on earth...
 - By HOPE we believe one day God will take us to be with Him forever in heaven!
 - **Hebrews 11:1** - “Faith is the substance of things HOPED for - the evidence of things not seen.”
 - Glory of God...
 - Of the glory of God!
 - We HOPE God will be the one who brings us into His GLORY [τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ]!
 - Our great HOPE - one day we will stand before the father in heaven and hear the words...
 - Well done good and faithful servant – enter into the Joy of your Lord – **Matthew 25:21**
 - NOT because we are such wonderful people – we are SINNERS...
 - But we have been JUSTIFIED [passive] by faith through grace in Jesus!

○ 4th – Rejoicing in Tribulation... vs. 3-4

▪ Confident... vs. 3

- Not only that but we also glory in tribulations!
- FOURTH – because we are JUSTIFIED - we REJOICE in TRIBULATIONS...
- Not ONLY do we REJOICE [καυχάομαι] in the HOPE we have...
- BUT [ἀλλὰ] we also BOAST [καυχάομαι] in our TRIBULATIONS...
- Tribulation [θλίψις] – the word means to CRUSH [like grape in a press]
- This is counter intuitive – it seems to make NO sense we would BOAST in being CRUSHED...
- We understand BOASTING in the hope of our salvation – but NOT in hardships!
- We have CONFIDENCE in the HOPE that ONE day [future] we will be with God in GLORY...
- But we also have CONFIDENCE God is using the TRIBULATIONS [present] in our lives TODAY!

▪ Abide... vs. 3

- Knowing that tribulation produces perseverance!
- The reason why we BOAST in our TRIBULATIONS [crushing]
- Is because we SEE [εἶδω] what the [ὁ] TRIBULATION produces [present] in us...
- TRIBULATION produces PERSEVERANCE [ὑπομονή] – from the root word to ABIDE [μένω]
- Abide is one of those funny Biblical words – we never use it...
- It is better interpreted to ENDURE - to stubbornly refuse to let go!
- If the Children of Israel had NOT been caught between Egypt and the Red Sea...
- They NEVER could have seen their God was able to part an ocean!
- It is through our TRIBULATIONS that we get to see God WORK...
- It is where we learn NOT to depend on ourselves – but to instead DEPEND on Jesus...
- And ONLY when we ABIDE in Jesus – can we produce good FRUIT!
- John 15:5 – “He who abides [μένω] in Me - and I in him - bears much fruit.”

▪ Experience... vs. 4

- And perseverance character - and character hope!
- What follows is a PROGRESSION – where one thing LEADS to the NEXT...
- TRIBULATION [θλίψις] produces PERSEVERANCE [ὑπομονή]
- And PERSEVERANCE produces CHARACTER [δοκιμή]
- CHARACTER [δοκιμή] – someone who has EXPERIENCE – DISCERNMENT [δοκέω]
- And EXPERIENCE produces HOPE [ἐλπίς] – bringing us around full circle...
- As we go through TRIBULATION – but see [experience] God taking care of all our needs...
- We gain CONFIDENCE He will take care of us the NEXT time as well...
- And that gives us HOPE that NO matter what happens we will be VICTORIOUS!
- Why do we believe the sun will rise tomorrow morning – maybe it will fail...
- We are confident the sun will rise – because it always has – it has never failed!
- It is NOT that we have great faith – we have just seen the great FAITHFULNESS of God...
- Giving us the HOPE the Lord will take care of us – He will NEVER fail us...
- We do NOT panic in the trials – we PATIENTLY wait on the Lord...
- We TRUST in the Lord – DEPEND on Jesus – because we have learned He is trustworthy...
- We can rejoice in trials and tribulation because we KNOW God will take care of us!

○ 5th – Not Disappointed... vs. 5

▪ Love of God...

- Now hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts!
- FIFTH - because we are JUSTIFIED – we are NOT disappointed...

- DISAPPOINT [καταισχύνω] – meaning to be ASHAMED...
- Because our CONFIDENCE in God that comes through TRIBULATION – gives us EXPERIENCE...
- And that EXPERIENCE gives us HOPE – that God answers by pouring out His LOVE...
- LOVE [ἀγάπη] – the UNCONDITIONAL love of God – **I John 4:8**
- Like a CHILD who is competing in a SPORTS event...
- And things are NOT going well – they are struggling [θλιψις]
- But they look over and see the LOVING look of their father that says – I am PROUD of you!
- When we put our HOPE in our FATHER – even in the HARD time...
- We look over and see His LOVING look that says He is PROUD of us...
- And we do NOT need to worry – He is going to get us through!
- By the Spirit...
 - By the Holy Spirit who was given to us!
 - How does the Father show us His LOVE...
 - By [διὰ] giving [passive] by GRACE – His Holy Spirit [πνεύματος ἁγίου]
 - GRACE is not just for SALVATION [the cross] – it is for EVERY day [the spirit]
 - And when we are FULL of the SPIRIT – we will NOT be disappointed!
 - We CANNOT live the Christian walk – live for Jesus – in our own strength...
 - We STAND for Jesus – live for God – through the POWER of Spirit...
 - It is when we realize we CANNOT do it on our own – that we look to God for His GRACE!
 - **II Corinthians 12:9** – “My grace is sufficient. My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
- **2ND – OBJECT OF OUR FAITH... vs. 6-11**
 - 1st – Our Problem... vs. 6
 - Our Faith...
 - Having given us FIVE results of being JUSTIFIED by FAITH...
 - Paul went on to establish the OBJECT of our FAITH...
 - WHAT or WHO are we putting our FAITH in to JUSTIFY us!
 - No Strength...
 - For when we were still without strength!
 - FOR [γάρ] – the reason why we NEED to have FAITH...
 - Is we did NOT have the STRENGTH [ἀσθενής] to be able to live RIGHTEOUSLY [obey the Law]
 - The LAW is GOOD – it is the STANDARD to get to heaven – **Romans 7:12**
 - The PROBLEM is that we are NOT able to KEEP the LAW – **Romans 7:14**
 - We may be able to keep SOME of the Law – SOME of the time...
 - But the STANDARD is we need to keep ALL of the Law – ALL of the time – **James 2:10**
 - 2nd – The Solution... vs. 6-7
 - Jesus died... vs. 6
 - In due time Christ died!
 - Since we could NOT keep the LAW – Jesus came to do it for us...
 - He did NOT come to REMOVE the LAW – He came to FULFILL it – **Matthew 5:17**
 - Jesus lived a PERFECT life [only one] – so He had the RIGHT to enter heaven...
 - But rather than receiving His REWARD – He instead paid our PENALTY...
 - For the WAGES [reward] for SIN is DEATH – **Romans 6:23**
 - Therefore - at the APPOINTED [κατὰ] time – Christ DIED!

- **II Corinthians 5:21** – “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
- There was NO way for us to be able to get to HEAVEN...
- Therefore Jesus came to live a PERFECT life – so He could give us His RIGHTEOUSNESS...
- So that now when God looks at our LEDGER – it reads PERFECT – without SIN!
- The Ungodly... vs. 6-7
 - For the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die.
 - Yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die!
 - WHO did Jesus DIE for...
 - FOR [γάρ] a RIGHTEOUS [δίκαιος] one [τις] - a few would be willing to DIE...
 - FOR [γάρ] the GOOD [ἀγαθός] one might be willing to DIE...
 - But Jesus was willing to DIE – for the UNGODLY [ἀσεβής]
 - This is a SHOCKING statement – Jesus did NOT die for those who were WORTHY...
 - He gave His life for those who did NOT [ἀ] WORSHIP God [σέβω]!
 - There are NO righteous men [δίκαιος] – **Romans 3:10**
 - But there are a few would DIE for a RIGHTEOUS cause [τις]
 - And there are some who would DIE for a GOOD [ἀγαθός] man [secret service]
 - Yet they are exception – and few and far in between...
 - And certainly NO one would NOT be willing to die in place of a murderer...
 - We would want them pay the penalty for their crimes!
 - But Jesus did NOT die for us because we were WORTHY...
 - He did NOT lay down His life for a RIGHTEOUS cause – or GOOD leader...
 - Jesus died for us while we were WEAK [still in bondage to sin]
- 3rd – The Reason... vs. 8-11
 - Love... vs. 8
 - God demonstrates His own love toward us in while we were still sinners Christ died for us!
 - Why would Jesus DIE for the UNGODLY – the UNWORTHY...
 - With [σύν] this God ESTABLISHED [ἵστημι] His LOVE [ἀγάπη] for us...
 - That while we were [present] SINNERS – Christ DIED for us!
 - If I say I LOVE my wife – that is nice and puts a smile on her face...
 - But if she is having a BAD day – and is in a BAD mood – and says HURTFUL things...
 - And rather than REACT in kind – I instead go out of my way to BLESS her – that is LOVE...
 - Because it is one thing to SAY we LOVE someone – but the PROOF comes with ACTIONS!
 - If we are looking for PROOF that the Lord loves us...
 - We need to LOOK for further than the CROSS of CHRIST!
 - Saved from Wrath... vs. 9
 - Much more then - having now been justified by His blood.
 - We shall be saved from wrath through Him!
 - If Jesus was willing to DIE for us while we were still SINNERS...
 - How much MORE – now that we are JUSTIFIED [passive] by His BLOOD [death on the cross]
 - Will we [future] be SAVED [passive] through Him from the WRATH of God [τῆς ὀργῆς]!
 - There is a WRATH that is coming upon the earth – **I Thessalonians 1:10**
 - When ALL men will have to be ACCOUNTABLE for their SINS!
 - **Hebrew 10:27** – “The terrible expectation of Gods judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies.” [NLT]
 - God poured out His WRATH [cup] on Jesus [Garden of Gethsemane] – **Matthew 26:39**

- So that He does NOT have to pour out His WRATH upon us!
- Reconciled... vs. 10
 - For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son.
 - Much more - having been reconciled - we shall be saved by His life!
 - SINCE [indicative] while we were ENEMIES of God were RECONCILED [passive]
 - RECONCILED [καταλλάσσω] 6x in NT – to exchange one thing for another...
 - SINCE God exchanged His WRATH for LOVE through [διὰ] the DEATH of His SON...
 - How much more now that we have been RECONCILED [we have His love]
 - Shall we be [future] SAVED [passive] in [ἐν] His LIFE!
 - **II Corinthians 5:19** – “[Through] Christ reconciling the world to Himself not [counting] their trespasses to them.”
- Rejoice... vs. 11
 - And not only that but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Through whom we have now received the reconciliation!
 - But [ἀλλά] NOT only are we saved from the WRATH that is to come...
 - Just as we are CONFIDENT [καυχάομαι] in our HOPE and TRIBULATION...
 - We also CONFIDENT [καυχάομαι] in God through our Lord [κύριος] Jesus Christ...
 - Because through Him we have now been RECONCILED [καταλλαγή]!
 - The RESULTS of living by FAITH are incredible...
 - We have CONFIDENCE in the FUTURE – the HOPE we will be with Jesus in Heaven...
 - We have CONFIDENCE today - - knowing our TRIBULATIONS teach us to ABIDE...
 - And the reason why we have CONFIDENCE – is NOT because of our WORKS...
 - But because of the WORK the Lord has done to RECONCILE us to Him through Jesus!