

**Romans Chapter 5**  
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### **Results of Justification**

**<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

What is justification? Paul says it is peace with God. Others have expanded this statement to say that we are made just with God, not on the basis of anything we have done to earn that justification, but solely on the basis of who Jesus Christ was, what he did and our faith in him. Justification is a gift of God.

Paul understood that Faith brings on justification. Through (on the basis of) our faith in Christ Jesus, we are declared justified. It does not happen because we score some minimum level on a righteousness scale or through some act of required obedience. It is not earned. It is solely granted by God "through our Lord Jesus Christ", on the basis of our faith

**<sup>2</sup>through 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.**

We have been introduced to and stand in the grace of justification through Jesus Christ. Having been introduced to grace, we stand exult (in jubilation and joyful elation) in hope of the glory of God. There is nothing greater or more wonderful than God's glory.

**<sup>3</sup>And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup>and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;**

The tribulation we face is still there. We still live in this world of tribulation, but we still stand in joyful elation because of the progression facing tribulation with God and Jesus provides – Perseverance (the ability to make it through the tribulation), followed by proven character (the confirmation that we are better than we were) and hope (our desire to become what Jesus and his father want us to become).

**<sup>5</sup>and 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.**

There is no disappointment in our hope. God assures that through the anointing (pouring out) of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. The Holy Spirit is always with us (beside us, around us and within us). The Holy Spirit abides within our hearts, providing strength, comfort and the constant voice of God and Jesus Christ, urging us to take the paths of righteousness, if we only listen and follow where He leads.

(Psalms 23:3b) **"he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."**

**<sup>6</sup>For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

“While we were still helpless...while we were yet sinners....” – we were never able to accomplish this on our own. We were never and will never be that strong.

“At the right time...Christ died for us.” – In God’s perfect timing, Christ came to this place, in God’s time and died for us.

“Christ died for the ungodly” For us he died. Not for some justified people. Not for any who were good enough to deserve it. Not for the strong, or beautiful, or deserving. Jesus died for the ungodly (us).

“For one will hardly die for a righteous man...perhaps for a good man” – There would be no need for Christ to give up anything for the righteous. The righteous need no salvation, they are made just by righteousness. The problem is there is no way we can achieve the level of righteousness required to stand before God as righteous men and women. Jesus said that himself.

**Matthew 5:20 (NASV) <sup>20</sup>“For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

“Gods love” is demonstrated – There is never any doubt about God’s love for us. He loves the best and worst of us equally and so much so that “he gave his only begotten son” so that we would not perish.

**<sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. <sup>10</sup>For if while 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.**

“Justified by His blood” – What a sobering thought this statement is. Our petty thoughts that drag us down – our foolish anger that turns to hateful action and our casual adherence to the expectations of God pile ever higher and more serious until we are alienated from the one we should want most to be with. What can reconcile us? What can justify us to stand before God? Certainly not anything we can do that will justify us. Only the plan God established and the life and gift of his only son can bring us before God, made just not on the basis of anything we ever did, but solely on the basis of the blood of the “Lamb of God”. The act of Jesus justified us, saved us from God’s wrath and reconciled us to Him. Justification, reconciliation and salvation with God, made possible by the life and shed blood of God’s only son.

**<sup>11</sup>And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**

And above all of this, we have Joy in God, through (the Lordship of) Jesus Christ.

**<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-- <sup>13</sup>for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.**

Sin came into the world through Adam and it makes sense to see all of us as Adam. His sin and our sin can only lead to death unless something is done, because all of us sin, as Adam sinned.

**<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.**

**<sup>16</sup>The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. <sup>17</sup>For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

There was no way for us through the law. It seems as if the law only points out (convicts us of) our lost condition. By Adam, sin came into the world, and by the gift of one (Christ Jesus) many were brought back from sin through the grace of God.

The one transgression (Adam) brought us into judgment (wrath) for sin. Through Jesus, the many transgressions were set aside by the gift of one and we were blessed with justification (through Jesus)

By Adam, we fell subject to death. Through Jesus, we received abundant grace and the gift of righteousness – life through Jesus Christ.

**<sup>18</sup>So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. <sup>19</sup>For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,**

**<sup>21</sup>so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Through Adam's one transgression (leading to our sinful nature) we were condemned to separation from God. Through one act of righteousness (giving up his life for the undeserving) we all received justification – through his lordship in our lives. No one is able to stand upon

his own righteousness in the presence of God; only through Jesus may we stand before God – not righteous, but made just – Justified to Him – through Christ.

**“where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”**

This is the beauty in God. The power of God let loose among the ruin of men. God found a way, through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, to justify the ungodly (me and you). Already (Romans 3:10b) Paul has reminded us "There is none righteous, no, not one". Only the blood of Jesus would do what needed to be done.

Christ was the power of God let loose among the ruin of men.