

Breaking the Chains of Sin and Death Romans 5

Romans 5:1-11 (NIVUS)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

I. We have a Sickness that Condemns us.

Verse 6, 8 – “At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.... While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Verse 12 – “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all have sinned.”

II. We have a Savior who Loves us.

Verse 7, 8 – “Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (HCSB)

He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

III. We have a Salvation that Changes us.

Verse 1, 9, 10 – Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

IV. We have a Security that Encourages us.

Verse 1 – “We have peace with God.”

Verse 2 – “We rejoice in hope.”

Verse 3 – “We also rejoice in suffering.”

Verse 11 - Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you.