
THE BOOK OF ROMANS: Just the Beginning

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¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5:1-11, ESV*

Understanding the Ginormous Work of God

Justification: The Action of Declaring or
Making Righteous in The Sight of God

1. We Are Justified by God *Romans 8:33*
2. We Are Justified by Grace *Romans 3.24*
3. We Are Justified by The Blood of Jesus *Romans 5:9*
4. We Are Justified by The Resurrection *Romans 4:25*
5. We Are Justified by Faith *Romans 5:1*

Faith Is Never an Independent Action on Our Part

6. We Are Justified by Words *Romans 10:9-10*
7. We are Justified by Works *James 2:18-26*

"It Is Faith Alone That Justifies;
But the Faith That Justifies Is Never Alone"

Those Who Are Justified Have Peace with God

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God" **v1**

God's 3 Grace Gifts to You

Access to God

"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace" **v2a**

To Know Salvation, But to Not Know
God Is a Travesty

A Life of Grace

"Into this grace in which we stand" **v2b**

We Stand Safe

Reason to Rejoice

"And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God" **v2c**

One of The Key Defining Attributes of
The Christian Life: Hope

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"More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" **v11**

