

We Are Justified by Faith- Romans 5:1-8

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Introduction

1. “Therefore” (verse 1)
 - All are sinners... saved by faith - chapter 3
 - Abraham was saved by faith - chapter 4
 - We are Justified by faith - chapter 5
2. Not to say that all are saved... without repentance

I. Being Justified (1-4)

1. Being “justified” - declared righteous
2. We have peace with God
 - A. Peace through Jesus
 - B. By whom we have access into grace
 - C. Comes from the fact that we were formally at war with God
 - all lost people are at war with God
 - D. Peace with God and peace of mind are two different things
 - for peace of mind see Philippians 4
3. We have access - obtained... given to us... into God’s grace
 - grace might take many forms - 2 Cor. 12 - grace for times of weakness
 - “grace” speaks to supply - for daily living
4. We rejoice in hope - for what?
 - we hope to share in the glory of God
 - glory lost in sin (3:23) is given again in Christ
5. All these are present realities - have, not hope to have later, or in heaven
6. We have all this therefore we can rejoice in tribulations

II. We Glory in Tribulations (3-5)

1. We “glory” in tribulation... why?
 - these tribulations are assets to help us become what we are - to develop Christian character
2. Because we know that...
 - knowing something helps... or not?
 - look at Romans 8:28 - we know that God will work all this out for our good
3. Tribulation leads to patience
 - “tribulation” is pressure, persecution, loneliness
 - “worketh” emphasizes the process
 - tribulation “cultivates” character
 - suffering is the normal Christian life **
4. Patience leads to experience (4)
 - proven character... like metal tried in the fire
 - steadfastness, constancy, endurance
5. Experience leads to hope
 - one is led to whine, grovel and despair... another is pushed to meet life with head up, conquering

6. Hope makes us not ashamed (5)
 - why? - because the love of God is shed abroad
 - how? - by the Holy Ghost which is given us
 - grounded hope does not disappoint... “makes us not ashamed” (that we placed our hope in Him)
 - we cling to this hope when rewards are delayed, or fruit is not obvious
 - the Holy Spirit gives us/ supplies this hope
7. God’s love is Christ dying for us - not a conviction, nor an assertion... but an action

III. When did All This Happen? (6-8)

1. When we were without strength (6)
 - in “due time” Christ died for the ungodly
 - in God’s timing (strategic time)
 - don’t miss “for” -... Because when...
 - He didn’t die to save good men, but enemies of God
 - His love was expressed for:
 - weak (6)
 - sinners (8)
 - enemies (10) - Christ died for those who hated Him
2. Reasoning (7)
 - A. Barely will a righteous man die for the godly (much less the ungodly)
 - B. Yet, perhaps (peradventure) for a good man
 - a person “might” die for a good man
 - “dare” to die
 - C. It is beyond human expectation that we would die for someone like that... not logical at all
3. But God (8)
 - Commends His love while we are still sinners
 - Splitting hairs:
 - not God commended
 - not God has commended
 - but God commendeth (perpetual present tense)

Christ did not come to change a vengeful God - but to reveal that the nature of God isn’t vengeful.

He proved God is love.