

## Romans 5.1-11

## “The Paradox of Joy”

Popular Message heard ALL round WORLD – for ALL TIME > This gives JOY!  
 THIS something you BUY, BOOK you Read, FILM watch, VACATION take  
 MONEY, MARRIAGE, KIDS, GRADUATION, JOB, RETIREMENT  
 Some EVENT or EXPERIENCE --- Maybe JOINING a CHURCH?  
 SOON – All around WORLD people DISCOVER > That Thing NOT give JOY!  
 BROKEN Promises – Broken HEARTS > Longed-For JOY cannot be FOUND

Step into 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Paul’s MAGNUM OPUS letter to ROMANS...

Chapters 1-4 Well Reasoned Argument of APOSTLE Paul – wore 2 hats...

1. God’s PROSECUTING Attorney: Whole World GUILTY before Mighty God
2. HERALD of Good News: Whole World offered GRACE from Merciful God

CONCISE SUMMARY of GREAT News in Chapter 3...

NOTHING We can DO to Please God – EARN Favor – PAY for Our Salvation  
 NOT Partnership Adding Our Goodness to God’s Grace > No Goodness to Add

the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe...  
 propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith...so that he might be just and  
 the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3.21-26

Chapter ONE Paul says 'I' >> “I am not ashamed of the Gospel”

Chapter TWO he says YOU >> “you have no excuse”

Chapter FIVE for FIRST time he says WE – Several Times...!

1. We have peace with God (verse 1)
2. We are standing in grace (verse 2a)
3. We exult in hope of God's glory (verse 2b)
4. We also exult in our tribulations (verses 3-8)

5. We shall be saved (verses 9, 10)
6. We also exult in God (verse 11)

## 1. Expensive Peace

### a. There is No Peace in this World

WORLD Looking for Peace – INTERNATIONAL and INTER-PERSONAL  
 World filled with STRIFE > Lack of Peace at Every LEVEL of Society  
 PAIN, PROBLEMS, PERSECUTION, POVERTY, PREJUDICE, PANDEMIC

Greatest ENEMY? God! – Man takes your FORTUNE – God take your Future  
 WRONG with God receive his WRATH – PLACE of Enemies: LAKE of FIRE

Romans 5 has 5 Descriptions of what it means to be WRONG with GOD --

"SINNERS" missed the mark of righteousness

"UNGODLY" revolt against God's authority

"POWERLESS" unable to help ourselves

"ENEMIES" because of the hostility between God and us

"GOD'S WRATH" angry condemnation of sinners

### b. We have Peace with God

Romans 5.1-11 Song of CELEBRATION > Justified! Rejoice in PEACE w/ God

New Standing "JUSTIFIED" - NOT GUILTY - PARDONED - ACQUITTED

True peace is peace with God, or reconciliation

RIGHTEOUSNESS comes With RECONCILIATION

FORGIVEN by God AND FRIENDSHIP with God

PROPHESED by PROPHETS > SHALOM of the MESSIANIC Age

NOT Something you WISH you Had or WANT to Have --- but HAVE NOW!

vs. 1,2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through 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.

“Peace with God” (v.1) - not the same as “the peace of God” (Philippians 4.7).

Peace of God is calm in the midst of troubles and pressures.

But peace with God means hostilities between God are now over.

It is objective, whether or not I feel happy and secure.

The peace of God is subjective, it comes and goes.

Peace with God is fixed forever in Christ.

c. It comes 'through our Lord Jesus Christ'

PROCLAIMED on Christmas Night in Skies above BETHLEHEM

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”  
Luke 2.14

Even on Christmas Night there is CLEAR DIVISION in Bible >

THERE ARE SOME that God is Pleased WITH

WHO? Those LOVE & FOLLOW Baby in Bethlehem – Shepherds SAW

Jesus Christ – God’s PRINCE of PEACE has COME

EXPENSIVE PEACE established at GREAT COST of LIFE-BLOOD of JESUS

HAVING been Justified, we HAVE PEACE with God

v. 2 We are Standing in Grace > “the sphere of God’s grace” NEB

'Grace' is God's kindness to the undeserving

GRACE – God’s FAVOR to those who Actually Deserve the OPPOSITE

GAINED ACCESS - We have obtained our introduction into it  
 FREEDOM to ENTER > FORMAL Introduction into PRESENCE of God  
 Like Queen Esther allowed to Enter Throne Room to see KING of PERSIA

We continue to stand in it > NOT Just OCCASSIONAL Entrance to See King  
 We LOSE a JOB, HOME, CHURCH, LIFE > Forever ABIDE in His Presence

d. God's Love was Proved on the Cross > EXPENSIVE! Priceless!

vs. 6-8 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good  
 person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while  
 we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God shows his love: SHOW = DEMONSTRATE > VINDICATE > PROVE

Christian Faith FOUNDED on Historical, Verifiable, Reliable, FACTS

Essence of LOVING is GIVING > GREATEST Love gave Greatest GIFT

## 2. Exclusive Power

a. God's Love been Poured into our Hearts by the Holy Spirit

verse 5: “God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”

FIRST Mention of HOLY SPIRIT in Romans > ONLY Way to Get TRUE Power

GIFT to ALL Believers – RESULT of JUSTIFICATION

FORGIVENESS of SINS goes together with FILLING of SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT is Given at CONVERSION > AORIST Tense

Only way to be BORN AGAIN is by the SPIRIT who makes us ALIVE

Spirit POURS Out God’s LOVE into our HEARTS

INITIAL OUTPOURING leads to PERMANENT Flood > PERFECT Tense  
Reminds of Pouring OUT of Spirit @ PENTECOST >>> but its LOVE of God

“vivid metaphor of a cloudburst on a parched countryside” James Dunn

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”  
Romans 8.16

Being assured of God’s FATHERHOOD is to know His LOVE

As CHILDREN of God we are all DIFFERENT > from CALM to Charismatic  
WORSHIP is HOLY SILENCE for others it is SHOUTING HALLELUJAH!  
If they come from a HEART of Praise BOTH are PLEASING to our Father

b. We Exult in Hope of God's Glory

verse 2 NIV: And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

ESV – we EXULT in hope > Word Even Stronger than Rejoice!

WORLD’S Hope is FLEETING

“I HOPE the Weather will be NICE” – CLOUDS and STORMS WILL Come!

“I HOPE this Virus does not Get Me” – Something will One Day End your Life

CHRISTIAN > OBJECT of our HOPE is the GLORY of GOD

GLORY that Fills the HEAVENS

GLORY that was VISIBLE as JESUS walked Earth in Grace and Truth

GLORY that made His Clothes DAZZLING White on Mt. Transfiguration

GLORY that will FILL the SKIES when he RETURNS in POWER

GLORY that will TRANSFORM those who WAIT in FAITH for HIM

By NATURE: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3.23

But NOW we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God – We EXULT in Glory

If you have been JUSTIFIED you should LOOK to your Full and Final  
GLORIFICATION with GREAT CONFIDENCE

Frederick MYCONIUS was Great Friend of M. Luther > helped in Reformation  
One day Myconius got Very Sick > Sat Up in Bed wrote Farewell Note to Luther  
When LUTHER got his FINAL FAREWELL he sat down and WROTE:

“I command you in the name of God to live, because I still have need of you in  
the work of reforming the church...The Lord will never hear that you are dead,  
but will permit you to survive me. I am praying for this. This is my will, and may  
my will be done, because I seek only to glorify the name of God.” Martin Luther

Myconius RALLIED & LIVED 6 More Years – DIED 2 Months AFTER Luther

### 3. Experienced in Problems > PARADOX of JOY

#### a. Suffering is the Path to Glory

v. 3 “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings”

WE REJOICE IN SUFFERINGS? ABSURD? INSANE?

NOT MASOCISTS - WHO ENJOY BEING HURT

NOT STOICS - WHO GRIT THEIR TEETH AND ENDURE

CHRISTIANS – have HEAVENLY FATHER - WORKING Out All THINGS

FOR HIS GOOD AND OUR GLORY

Paul refers to what Jesus PREDICTED for Us Night before he Went to CROSS

Jesus: “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome  
the world.” John 16.33 --- SAME Word ‘tribulation’ in Romans 5

Xtian Suffering NOT Back Aches, Unemployment, Mother-in-Law, COVID 19

Everyone FACES those Challenges – Believer and UNBELIEVER

AFFLICTIONS because you Decided to Deny Self, Pick Up Cross, Follow Jesus  
 ANOTHER Difference is WAY you Respond to TROUBLES of LIFE  
 Remembering you are CHILD of God led in Triumph by HEAVENLY Father

“we are...heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him  
 in order that we may also be glorified with him” Romans 8.17

#### b. Suffering is the Context in we Grow in God's Love

Many people THINK Suffering means God does NOT LOVE You  
 Paul says SUFFERING is EVIDENCE that God DOES Love You  
 HOPE Never will DISAPPOINT > “Such hope is no fantasy” REB

ULTIMATE Ground of HOPE is the STEADFAST LOVE of GOD  
 To be SURE of God’s LOVE is Source of Great SECURITY & COMFORT  
 Suffering LEADS to Glory at LAST DAY > MATURITY on THIS DAY

vs. 3-5 “knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces  
 character, and character produces hope, and 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.”

SUFFERING PRODUCES ENDURANCE  
 ENDURANCE PRODUCES CHARACTER  
 CHARACTER PRODUCES HOPE

#### c. We Shall Be Saved (verse 9, 10)

'Salvation' is a comprehensive word; it has three 'tenses'. Here Paul is referring to  
 Future salvation. What is it?

- a. Negatively, 'we shall be saved from God's wrath' (verse 9)
- b. Positively, 'we shall be saved by his life' (verse 10)

**Three benefits of Justification / Three tenses of our Salvation**

Our Past is Redeemed - our old record of rebellion is put away, we have peace with God

Our Present is Redeemed - we have a personal friendship with God

Our Future is Redeemed - we have the promise of glory

**V. 10 - IRRESISTIBLE LOGIC OF APOSTLE PAUL**

We were God's enemies - He reconciled us by Death of His Son

**HOW MUCH MORE**

Now we're God's friends - He will save us from Wrath by Son's Life

**SO THE BEST IS YET TO BE!**

The Judge has pronounced us righteous, and the Father has welcomed us home.

John Stott

If GOD had PAID THE HUGE PRICE for our SIN by BLOOD of His SON

Then CHUMP Change of what we Need to get thru this Life NO Problem

v. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

CONFESSION > We have NO CLAIM on God > DIED for Sinners/Enemies

CONFIDENCE > He will CONTINUE Saving Work He has Begun

CELEBRATE His MERCIES and GRACE

REJOICING in His Free and Undeserved GIFT of SALVATION



Romans 5.<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;<sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.<sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!<sup>10</sup>For if, while 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!<sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. NIV