

JUSTIFICATION

ROMANS 5:1-5

3/23/25

I. THE JUSTIFIED LIFE

A. The justified life means...Peace

Romans 5:1 - "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1. Peace is born out of hostility
 - Our sin makes us hostile towards God
2. Peace is ONLY through Jesus Christ
 - Jesus brings eternal peace

B. The justified life means...Grace

Romans 5:2 - "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."

1. Grace is unmerited favor from God

*Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For by **grace** you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast"*

2. Grace allows us to continually stand in God's presence

C. The justified life means...Hope

Romans 5:3-5 - "Not 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."

1. Hope for the future
 - "The glory of God" – Heaven
2. Hope for the present
 - "In our sufferings" hope is strengthened
3. Hope gives us perspective for suffering
4. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our hope

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. What attribute of the “justified life” most appeals to you? Why?
3. How does knowing you have peace with God encourage you to live today?
4. How does better understanding God’s grace impact how you approach the people in your world?
5. How does it encourage your prayer life that we stand in grace?
6. Share with the group a time when you experienced suffering. How did that suffering impact you and your faith? Did you find v.3 to be true in your suffering? Why or why not?
7. Why is hope such a powerful thing for Christians? What are some things that cause us to lose hope today?
8. How does knowing the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of your hope encourage you?
9. What is one thing from the message or your group that you are encouraged to live out this week? How can the group help you as you pursue that this week?