

Romans 5:1-11

Faith Triumphs in Trouble

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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Paul now begins with the point he has proved through the Scripture in the previous chapters, namely that we are **justified** (made _____), not by works and not by the law, but **by** _____. The consequence of our being justified by faith is that we have _____ **with God**, which is given to us through Jesus our Lord. Lost people may not realize it, but they are at _____ with God (see v.10 below). This enmity between man and God is only abolished when man puts his faith in Christ.

Ephesians 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Through Jesus **we have access into this grace**. What grace? The grace that ends our war with God and takes away our _____ with Him. **Faith** was the vehicle that _____ us into this grace, but it is the grace that grants the benefits. And we are not merely brushed by this grace, but **we**

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stand in it. The word used here for stand has the meaning of _____, staying _____ . We do not come and go into and out of grace, even if faith weakens or strengthens. Faith ushers us into the palace of grace, but once in, **we stand**; we _____!

And also, we **rejoice in the hope** (the expectation of a _____ desire) **of the glory of God**. We rejoice in knowing that we will _____ in that wondrous glory. In a few chapters, Paul will detail the multiple steps of a believer's journey from faith to glory, but we will peak right now at the end.

Romans 8:29-30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God's plan for us is to _____ us, to _____ us to the image of His Son.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.

At the _____, the saved are given their glorified bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:42-43 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in **glory**. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

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Not only does standing in grace bring the eternal benefits of sharing in the glory of Christ, but it brings _____ benefits as well. Sometimes blessings come in surprise packages. Oftentimes they come wrapped up like big _____, **tribulations**. Jesus told us in

John 16:33 ... **In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**"

Tribulations come to each of us either by God sending them or God _____ them. Either way, God purposes them for _____ in our lives. If we will walk through trials and trouble in faith and obedience to the Lord, the end result in our lives is _____ – patient endurance. If we continue to persevere through seasons of heartache and difficulty, our character will be _____ and shaped to be more like the **character** of Christ. Living with Christ-like character in turn produces more **hope**, the _____ of our desire to be like Christ being fulfilled. It is a big circle that like a wheel rolling down the road, it does not merely spin in place but with every cycle makes _____ toward the goal.

The **hope** that grows as we live in a godly fashion through times of tribulation will **not** prove to be **a disappointment** because of God's great _____ which the Holy Spirit has poured into our _____ when He came to live within us. The **love of God** here addressed is not _____ love for God but God's own love for _____ and for others. **The Holy Spirit pours** this love out inside of us so that we can love people with the same kind of all encompassing, self- _____ love with which God loves us. In the next several verses the Holy Spirit through Paul describes what a great love it is that God has that He has placed within the hearts of all of those who have received grace through faith in His Dear Son.

Christ in Our Place

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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How great is that love the Spirit has put in our hearts? It is great enough that it caused **Christ to die for the ungodly**. Loving someone enough to die for them is rare enough, even if you consider that they are good or _____. However, this does happen. Sometimes people will give their life for someone else that they believe is “worth saving” or whom they _____ sufficiently. But what Christ did is extraordinary by anyone’s measure.

But **God demonstrates** how great **His own love** is by Christ’s death in the place of _____. God did not wait for us to be worthy or even _____. **While we were still** in our sin, while we were still the _____ of God, Christ died for us. This is why the gospel is such good news: God _____ us! He loved us enough to send His one and only Son to die in our place, to be condemned for the sins for which we _____ condemnation. God wants us to be a part of His family so much that He did “whatever it takes” to save us. Our sin debt requiring death had to be paid. _____ paid it. We had to have righteousness beyond what the best of us possessed. _____ gave us His righteousness. All of this, not because He had to but because He loves

us.

And this is the love that the Holy Spirit, who lives inside everyone who has come to Christ in faith, has poured out into our hearts. The words poured out mean “_____ upon.” He has not given us a tiny measure of God’s love but lavished it upon us so that we may love others as He does. That is why people everywhere recognize that we _____ to Jesus by the love that we have for each other.

This love God has given us enables us to

Love God (We love Him because He first loved us.)

Restore

Serve

Minister

Love People

This love has been poured out in _____ saved person’s heart. This is so categorically true that through John the Holy Spirit said,

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not _____ God, for God is love.

Do you notice the confident testimony of Paul in these words? He has none of the iffy or squeamish feelings of doubt about his eternal _____. He is **justified by the blood** of Jesus and he knows he will not suffer

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the eternal **wrath** that is to come upon the lost.

How does Paul know? How can he be so confident that he will not lose this glorious salvation? He says simply, "If while we were **enemies** of God, He would **reconcile** us to Himself **through the _____ of His Son**, how **much more**, now that we are reconciled and adopted into His family, the Living Christ will _____ us **saved**." In other words, if I can be saved by the death of God's Son while I was His _____, then surely now that I am His child and friend, I can be _____ saved **by His resurrected life!**

We are not only confident and secure, **we rejoice**. Our hearts are _____, praising God and celebrating **through our Lord Jesus Christ**, because He has given us the reconciliation. Why "**the**" **reconciliation**? Because there is only one.

One Way

One Truth

One Life

One Door

One Name, under heaven, given among men through which we can be saved:

_____!

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 5:12-14

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

As we study through a book of the Bible in detail, as we are doing with Romans, it is easy to get lost in the minutia. Because it is the Word of God, there are often important truths captured in single words or phrases. Therefore it is important to always be aware of the “_____ picture,” understanding where we are in the message of the _____ book. So let us pause for a moment to remember the larger context of what we are reading.

Rom. 1:18-3:20 – Man’s _____ and well-deserved condemnation

Rom. 3:21-5:11 – Salvation by grace through _____ because of Christ’s death on the cross

At this point, one could reasonably ask, “How does _____ event in the life of _____ man at _____ point of history, make such a difference for all men everywhere?” To be more pointed, “How does the death, and even the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, make any difference for _____ else on the planet?” The Holy Spirit through Paul will answer that question in Rom. 5:15 -21. But first He will tell us of the action of another _____ that impacted forever the life of every person on earth.

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That man of course was _____. **Through one man sin entered into the world.** Notice that the text does not say that Adam was the _____ to sin. He was not. Lucifer, named _____ after the fall of the wicked angels, was the first being to sin.

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning...

We know that the devil's sin _____ Adam and Eve's sin because it was Satan possessing the serpent who tempted Eve.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

When did Lucifer sin, resulting in his being cast out of heaven? Somewhere after the _____ day of creation when God declared everything to be "_____ " and the temptation in the Garden of Eden where he shows up as the serpent to deceive Eve.

Not only did Satan's sin come before Adam's sin, but _____ sin did also. Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and then gave it to Adam, and he ate also. So Eve ate first! Eve sinned before Adam. So why did sin enter the world through one _____ (Adam)? Why didn't sin enter the world through one _____ (Lucifer) or through one _____ (Eve)?

The answer to that question is because the sin _____, which became a part of both Adam and Eve when they sinned against God, is passed by the _____ to the children. It is not passed by the mother.

Numbers 14:18 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'

If only Eve had sinned, _____ would have still come to her; but the whole _____ would not have been infected. But when Adam sinned, his iniquity passed to his _____ (males and females alike). His male descendants in turn passed their iniquity to their children. Since every person in the world after Adam and Eve has a biological _____, everyone is infected with the _____ of his father in the form of a sin nature. There was one exception to this pattern of course: _____. Jesus did not have a _____ biological father. _____ was His father, and His conception was of the _____. Therefore, Jesus did _____ inherit a sin nature because it is passed from human

fathers to their offspring. Jesus had a human _____, but the mother does not pass the sin nature.

That is why Paul says, “through one _____, sin entered the world.”

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And then he adds, “and death through sin.”
Why did death come as a consequence of sin?
Because God said to Adam

Genesis 2:16-17 ... “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely _____.”

Even before the first sin was committed on earth, the Lord declared that the _____ of sin is death.

When Adam sinned, he died. As Adrian Rogers, the late pastor of Belleview Baptist Church in Memphis, TN, used to explain,

Adam died _____ in his spirit.

He began to die _____ in his soul.

He _____ died in his body.

Prior to Adam and Eve’s sin, there was no death in the _____. Had they not sinned, they would not have died. Even the _____ did not die.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world, and death came with it.

The _____ of this truth in the overall presentation of the gospel is one reason the lie of evolution is so destructive. The theory of evolution says that life and death were on this earth hundreds of millions of years _____ man. If this is true, what Paul says in Romans is _____. If the evolutionists are correct, death did not come into the world through _____; it has _____ been here.

Folks often think they can _____ some portion of the Scriptures and believe the rest, and it will not really make a difference. They are believing the same _____ Eve believed when Satan asked, “Did God really say...?”

Genesis 2:4 says plainly **This is the _____ of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,**

If a person _____ Genesis 1 – 3, literally, word for word, he will never have trouble believing all of the rest of God’s Word. But if a person _____ something written in Genesis 1 – 3, he is _____ going to have trouble believing other things in the Scripture. As Jesus said, **“the Scripture cannot be broken.”** (John 10:35)

Genesis 1 to 3 is a literal, _____, accurate account of the beginning of the world and the universe. Adam and Eve were the first people to ever exist, created by the hand of God in His own image on the sixth day of creation _____. God placed them in a beautiful Garden called Eden and supplied their every need and fellowshiped with them every day.

Some days or weeks or maybe months after their creation they disobeyed the one commandment their Creator had given them. “Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of _____ of good and evil, for in the day you eat of it, you shall die.” They ate, they sinned. Sin entered the world through Adam, and death through sin.

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As explained earlier, the sin nature spread from Adam to _____ person. The sin nature can best be described as a proclivity to sin or a predisposition to sin. We are _____ with it. David said, **“I was brought forth in iniquity...”** Ps. 51:5. No one had to teach any of us to be

_____ as little babies. We had no concern for our loving parents. As long as we were fed, dry, comfortable, and loved; it really did not matter how the rest of the world was doing. We were selfish. We were selfish because we were _____. Selfishness was just an outward expression of our inner heart.

This is the _____ of man. **All have sinned... Rom. 3:23** And all die. Some may say, "but what of Enoch and _____? They did not die." But each of them did die _____; they were sinners before they were saved, dead in their trespasses and sin. They began to die in their _____ from the effects of the sin nature until they repented and trusted the Lord. No, they have not died physically; God took each of them to heaven without their experiencing physical death. But if I am correct in my understanding of the Book of Revelation, they _____ die physically. Because I believe Enoch and Elijah are the two witnesses of Rev. 11 who will be _____ in Jerusalem at the middle of the tribulation and resurrected before the eyes of the world. Because Hebrews 9:27 says **And as it is appointed for men to _____ once, but after this the judgment,**

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Paul now explains that although sin was in the world before the _____, men were not charged (by God) with the breaking of a law not yet given. But death still _____ because all of them sinned.

Their sin was not the _____ sin as Adam's sin. They could not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil because after Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, God guarded the entrance to the garden by means of Cherubim with _____ swords. Eventually the Garden of Eden and its tree were destroyed in the worldwide flood of Noah's day. Why? Because of _____. Because **"through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because all men sinned."**