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Text : Romans 5:1-5

## Introduction

- We don't want things without value, usefulness or which gives satisfaction
- What do you have when you receive Jesus?
- Paul mentions 4 essential facts to know to succeed in living the Christian life

"1 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" (Romans 5:1-5)

## We Have Peace with God (v. 1)

This peace is beyond human attainment

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

As long as man was of the seed of Adam, he could not make peace with God

- In the Old Testament, an innocent animal without blemish had to die as a substitute for the perfect lamb that was promised by God's love for mankind

➤ John the Baptist identified the Promised Lamb

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

- In Revelation, John records a song sung about the Lamb

"9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10)

➤ Jesus is the mediator between man and God

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5)

- Peace with God gives us boldness to stand before God

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16)

## We Have the Peace of God

- This is supernatural. It is not ordinary.
  - It is what we experience when we go through tribulations

“3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4)
  - We glory in tribulation and persevere with hope, which gives us character.
- The “peace of God” is in our hearts and minds:
  - Will not let us give up

“19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:19-22 - Paul in his missionary work would not give up)

The “peace of God” gives assurance and helps us persevere in tribulation.
  - Puts a song in our soul in the midst of suffering

“23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them” (Acts 16:23-25)

## We Have Access to God’s Grace (v. 2)

- God’s grace avails us the provision God has for us

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me” (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- God’s provision is through relationship by grace
  - Illustration: The Vine and the Branch

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples" (John 15:5-8)

## **We Have the Holy Spirit (v.5)**

Jesus told us this, when He was on earth

"16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate [Helper] to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:16-18)

- The Holy Spirit gives us gifts

""There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:4)

- The Holy Spirit gives us the love of God

"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" (Roman 5:5)

- The Holy Spirit pours out the love of God in our hearts – the seat of affections

- Some people love with their heads – need to understand, be reasonable and logical
- Love should be from the heart

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)

- E.g. Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house
- Human love is incapable of loving like God
  - Jesus forgave those who crucified Him on the Cross.

- God's love is powerful

- It has the ability to help, motivate and change people.

## **Conclusion**

- In Verse 2, the last phrase says, "rejoice in hope of the glory of God"
  - The word "rejoice" means give praise or "boast" – boast of God's glory!
  - The boasting is about Jesus

Jeremiah says: “But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD” (Jeremiah 9:24)

- David says

“2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together” (Psalm 34:2-3)

“6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. 7 But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us. 8 In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever. Selah” (Psalm 44:6-8)

- What do we have, when we have Jesus?
  - We have peace with God
  - We have peace of God
  - We have access to God’ grace
  - Finally, we have the Holy Spirit.