

WHAT'S THE Best Blessing?

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In the beginning of Romans chapter 5, we find several blessings we receive as result of being justified through faith in Jesus. Knowing we have these resources available for us who believe in Him motivates us to please God and live a life that will inspire others to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Here are seven blessings that we enjoy through our personal relationship with Christ.

PEACE WITH GOD (ROMANS 5:1-2)

Once upon a time, we were enemies of God, but through the death of Jesus, our guilt of sin is paid for and we have peace with God. John Stott said, "You will only be healed of guilt to the degree you're willing to admit the magnitude of your sin." King David was also familiar with this difficulty of dealing with guilt and was only able to overcome and be at peace once he made right with God and confessed (Psalm 32:3-4).

ACCESS TO GOD (ROMANS 5:1-2)

By faith in Christ, we are given access to God. We can draw near with confidence to His throne of grace and find grace in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). In Ephesians 2:18, Paul further reminds US that this access is THROUGH JESUS. In prayer and in our study of His Word, we access this great benefit!

HOPE OF GLORY (ROMANS 5:1-2)

Romans 5:2 continues with another layer of blessing — that we can EXULT and be CONFIDENTLY JOYFUL as we reflect in the glory of God. HOPE in the Bible is a certainty, except that the greater part of it is in the future. 1 John 3:2-3 encourages us to look forward to the time in the future that we

will all be like Jesus one day! This has a sanctifying effect in our lives as believers as we know that there is a glorious future that awaits us in heaven. It motivates us to pursue what is eternal and say no to the temporary pleasures of the world.

JOY IN TRIBULATION (ROMANS 5:3-4)

Romans 5:3-4 again uses the same word EXULT, which is to rejoice — even in hardships, trials, and tribulations. We learn perseverance, our character is developed, and we experience hope when we anchor our identity in Christ, even in times of injustice or depressing moments.

LOVE OF GOD AND SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH (ROMANS 5:5-9)

You will never know God is sufficient until the only thing you have is God. God poured out His love for us, along with the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ. God puts this amazing love into action in a specific way: that even in our ungodly state, Jesus sacrificed Himself for us. God's love saves us from the very real wrath of God.

RECONCILED WITH GOD (ROMANS 5:10-11)

When Jesus died for our sins and we placed our faith in Him as our Savior, we are justified and reconciled to God. We are no longer under God's wrath. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 points us to what saves us from this wrath: JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, the Greatest Blessing!

All these blessings give us a mission. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 tells us that as we have tasted this reconciliation with God, we must — as God's ambassadors or messengers — bring the GOOD NEWS to others and allow them to be reconciled with Him too!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What specific benefit of salvation are you most thankful for?

Is there anything in your life you have not fully surrendered to God?

How will you share the best blessing to others this week?

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

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God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

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