

The Book of Romans

Chapter Five - *The Benefits of Salvation*

I. Introduction - The Greatest Book in the NT for the Christian!

- A. This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!
- B. In Chapter 1, the apostle Paul has described the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (Ruined utterly in character or quality: stained, corrupted, perverted), and therefore lost!
- C. In Chapter 2, Paul outlined the Judgment of God against man's condition, and how God is righteous in judging.
- D. In Chapter 3, the Lord dealt with the fact that There Is No Difference between ANY human being *in reference to sin* - ALL HAVE SINNED
- E. In Chapter 4, we learned some things about becoming Strong in our Faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ - WHY? Because HE makes the difference for our eternity! Jesus Christ is the only One capable of "justifying" us - and it requires complete confident trust to obtain!
- F. We now come to Chapter 5, and begin to examine what are the Benefits of Justification - What makes Salvation so "great?"

II. Focus Verse: Romans 5:1

III. Chapter Five - The Benefits of Our Salvation (5:1-11)

First, you must get "_____ " though (Cf 5:9), by Christ's blood - not your good works!!!

A. One you obtain salvation, there are nine benefits that accompany "justification," or salvation.

1. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ *With God* (5:1)** "we have peace with God"
 - a. We are dealing with people being _____ of God - like "germs" in this universe. Enemies because of sin (3:23). God literally sees all sinners as His enemy (5:10; Eph 2:12-13)
 - b. Real peace could only be obtained by an adequate payment for all sins (Eph 2:13-16; Col 1:13,14,19-22) at the cross.
 - c. Not dealing with just ANY peace, but with Peace WITH God (Isa 59:1,2). Real feeling ALWAYS follow FACTS, not fantasy! God is the One who we have to deal with - either now, or later (Heb 9:27)
 - d. Peace is obtained by faith alone - the faith to turn from sin, and turn TO Christ! Why?
 - e. Because, peace is only made possible by the death of Christ at the cross - not anything that we can do!
2. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ *to God* (5:2)**
 - a. A person is "justified" (saved) how? By _____, and that justification/salvation brings what? _____. No more division!
 - b. Therefore, because *the reason* for division between man and God (our sins) has been done away, the person has direct access to a holy God - we are no longer blocked by sin, nor contrained to a system of sacrificial offerings to pay for our sins - all paid for!
 - c. Fourfold purpose of this access to God:
 - 1) To get us back to where we each belong - back right with our Creator - no one belongs in hell, and no one belongs in sin.
 - 2) To possess Grace. It was GRACE that provided Jesus Christ for our sins. That same grace is made available for all aspects of life to the sinner who has come by Christ to God
 - 3) To be able to _____ in that grace: have confidence, assurance
 - 4) To have JOY that far exceeds anything that this life offers. The Christian's new life in Christ is full of joy! Enjoyable, not just endurable!
 - d. What it took to gain this access - Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 1) John 14:6
 - 2) Eph 2:18,19
 - 3) 1Pet 3:18

- 4) 1 Tim 2:5 There can be no other mediators, or priest systems to come between us and God. When you get saved, it is all by Jesus, and YOU become your own priest!!!
3. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____ With God** (5:2) “wherein we stand” - We Don’t Back Down!
- a. Stand Where?
- 1) On God’s side - For God and right - no longer for self, or the world, or the devil! We not only have access to God, but we have a place WITH Him! So, Stand up and be counted!
 - 2) In _____. A Christian is placed right in grace, and does not need a bunch of mediators to obtain grace for them- remember, we have direct access with Christ as our ONLY middle-man!
- b. Stand How? _____ (more about this in 5:5).
- 1) Nothing more to fear (Rom 8:1)
 - 2) God is the reason/authority for what we follow (not cunningly devised fables, 2Pet 1:16-19)
 - 3) God is our hiding place (James 4:7,8; Ps 32:7)
 - 4) The Christian MUST make the effort to KNOW (2 Tim 2:15) what to believe (not just make a good guess)
- c. Why Stand?
- 1) Because the devil wants Christians to feel defeated, and to just “fall into line” with the rest of the world, and not have an impact! If the fire-brigade had the same urgency that Christians do about eternity, and heaven and hell, and the souls of men, very few fires would ever be put out, and fewer lives would be saved!
 - 2) The one thing this world needs to see is someone who is rational and confident in God’s grace, facing hell and high-water head-on - all because they are following the Lord Jesus!
 - 3) Because God has not only given us the ability TO STAND, but also the armour necessary to _____ standing (Eph 6:13)
4. **Because of Justification, We Possess ____** (5:2-4) Real Joy!
- a. The Christian possess salvation - right now (1 John 5:11-13)
- b. The Christian however possesses something called ____ - not a dream, but a settled confidence
- c. This HOPE provides *all the joy* the Christian ever needs! Why?
- 1) We have a future (Prov 14:32) - Ours is a SURE hope. No longer hit or miss
 - 2) We have/possess forgiveness - Our souls are SAVED
 - 3) We have fellowship with the God of eternity (1 John 1:3)
- d. What kind of JOY are we dealing with? Joy that is above circumstances:
- 1) It is easy to rejoice in *expectation* of the glory of God
 - 2) Much harder to rejoice in the expectation of troubles. But the Christians knows full well that our troubles and tribulations are not meant to destroy us, but rather to mould us, and produce in us four characteristics:
 - a) Tribulation works, moulds, generates _____ - You cannot get patience ANY OTHER WAY! God wants patient Christians
 - b) Patience produces _____. Experience only comes through hard work, and time - no short cuts!
 - c) Experience produces ____ - confidence in the SAVIOUR that just keeps getting you through EACH AND EVERY TRIAL - you can confidently rest in Christ - He knows the way home!!!
 - d) Hope produces _____!
- e. The source of our joy is the LOVE of God (5:5) - not our love for Him. We need to learn to be acceptors of God’s love - learn to accept the love of Christ, and let it FUEL, and DRIVE your actions for Him!
5. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____** (5:5)

- a. No _____ in God's kingdom (Philp 1:6)!
 - b. God ALWAYS comes through (Heb 13:5,6) Why?
 - 1) Because He is committed to US - He proved it: in Israel, and in Christ!
 - 2) Because He has a plan that He is working out (Rom 8:28)
 - c. This kind of confidence provides the Christian the strength and courage to *live by faith* - NOT by anxiety and concern!!!
 - 1) Because you are resting in Someone that is consistent (Heb 6:18), and therefore TRUSTWORTHY!
 - 2) Because we are armed with everything we need to face each day! Jesus has not just given us salvation, and then left us to fend for ourselves during the rest of our lives - He has equipped us to face EVERY challenge and struggle ahead! He has provided all of the above benefits - PLUS!
 - a) ***We have God's love*** (more next week on this) - this gives us confidence! Not just a little bit of it, but it is "shed abroad" (the entire space)
 - b) ***We possess God's precious Holy Spirit!*** IN OUR HEARTS! Not something that we still need, but got when we trusted Christ (Eph 1:13; 2Cor 1:22; John 14:16,26; 15:26). He gave us PART OF HIMSELF, until we get to heaven (like leaving someone your wallet - but more like leaving your child in their hands until you come back - just to prove that you really ARE coming back! What a way to prove it!
6. **Because of Justification, We Possess the _____ (5:5)**
- a. The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit are the same Person
 - 1) The Third Person of the Trinity - God!
 - 2) The term, "Holy Ghost" describes His Function, Operation
 - 3) The term, "Holy Spirit" describes His official Title
 - b. The Holy Ghost is GIVEN, not _____ by the believer
 - 1) Eph 1:13, 14 He is our _____, proving, and securing our salvation
 - 2) John 14:16,26; 15:26 The Holy Spirit _____ FOREVER
 - 3) He MUST abide with OUR spirit in order for us to grow spiritually, and for us to be clean, and walk with God! Cannot be muted without repercussions - like muting your WIFE!
 - c. What the Holy Ghost does for us:
 - 1) He _____ us of sin - the greatest work!
 - 2) He _____ us (see above)
 - 3) He _____ us (see above)
 - 4) He _____ the love of God into our hearts (Rom 5:5)
 - 5) He _____ and enables the Christian to serve the Lord (Rom 12, 1Cor 12)
 - 6) He _____ the believer
7. **Because of Justification, We Possess _____! (5:5-11).** Not just "cheap talk" but something proven!!!
- a. The Kind of Love that God Gives:
 - 1) First Love (1 John 4:10) - We are talking about GOD'S love
 - 2) Sacrificial Love (John 3:16)
 - 3) Adoptive Love (1 John 3:1) - One where God would want to adopt someone so totally unlike Him, and make him His very own child!
 - 4) Abundant Love (Rom 5:8) - Like being commended for a job well done, and yet it wasn't us that did it! And yet God "commends" His love towards us!!!
 - b. The Kind of Person that God Loves
 - 1) People that are without the necessary strength (5:6)
 - 2) People that are opposite to God - "ungodly" (5:6)

- 3) People that God calls “sinners” (5:7,8; Luke 19:10)
 - 4) The enemies of God (5:10)
 - 5) Those who are under the wrath of God (6:9)
 - a) John 3:36
 - b) Rom 1:18
 - c) Rom 12:19 - Wrath is Justice that must be executed against Satan, his angels, as well as all who follow him (2 Thes 1:6-9)
 - c. The Results of God’s Love (5:6-11)
 - 1) Christ took the sinner’s place and personally died for them (5:6-8)!
 - 2) Not only died, but shed His blood as payment for our sins (5:9) - did not just die a natural death, but one under the wrath of God that we deserved!
 - 3) He justifies the sinner (5:9,1)
 - 4) He completely saves the sinner (5:9; 2Cor 1:9,10) from wrath
 - 5) He reconciles (5:10) the sinner to a holy God by forgiving them ALL their sins!
 - 6) He personally gives the sinner “the atonement” (5:11) - the payment needed to become forgiven - He enables the sinner to pay!
8. **Because of Justification, We Possess *the* _____!** (5:6-11) - Salvation from Wrath
- a. The greatest of all treasures that a Christian is allowed to possess is NOT the Holy Spirit, nor Peace with God, nor Access to God, nor the Love of God, nor Authority with God, nor True Joy, nor Confidence in Christ, but rather possession of _____ - A Perfect Payment for all my sin giving me salvation from the WRATH of God!
 - b. A review of the condition of the human race (5:6-10) - We deserve the wrath of God. Next week we will learn “Why?” See Gen 3!
 - 1) We are without the necessary _____ (5:6) to please God - we are defective - should be sent back to the manufacturer
 - 2) We are OPPOSITE to God - “ungodly” (5:6) - Quite unlike God
 - 3) We are “Sinners” (5:7,8; Luke 19:10)
 - 4) We are Enemies of God (5:10)
 - c. Understanding the wrath of God (5:9).
 - 1) Gal 3:10 -- John 3:36
 - 2) Rom 1:18
 - 3) Rom 12:19 - Wrath is Justice that must be executed against Satan, his angels, as well as all who follow him (2Thes 1:6-9)
 - d. The Atonement (5:6-11) - Propitiation - all because of the Love of God - for unworthy SINNERS!
 - 1) Ex 32:30 - Sin had to not just be forgiven, but atoned, or paid for
 - 2) Lev 1:4 - To obtain atonement required judgment upon an innocent sacrifice, with the transfer of guilt to the innocent
 - 3) 1Pet 3:18 - Our atonement/propitiation is complete in Christ Jesus!

B. The Failure of Adam, and the Free Gift of Christ (5:12-21)

1. **The _____ of Adam** (Gen 5:12-14)
 - a. Sin’s entry into the world. It was not present at the beginning!
 - 1) Instigated by _____ (Gen 3:1; Rev 12:9; 20:1,2; Isa 14:12-15)
 - 2) _____ by God (Dt 11:26-28) - God has always provided a choice.
 - a) First to the angels. God was not defeated when Lucifer fell, but rather used it in order to defeat him later on
 - b) Then to the human race. Love is always based upon choice, or else it is not true love (Cf Matt 22:37)
 - 3) By one man - Adam (Gen 3:1-6) - acted as the DOOR
 - 4) By _____ - not “tricked” (1 Tim 2:14) - simple **disobedience**

b. Sin’s effect on this world - Condemnation/Judgment

- 1) The judgment - DEATH (Rom 5:12; 6:23; James 1:14,15) “...death passed upon all...” - A three-fold judgment - There is a price to pay for sin (Gal 6:9)!!!
 - a) _____ - the instant severing of direct unhindered communication with God. One-third of the person dies - the spirit (Eph 2:1)!
 - b) _____ - the unexpected end of the life of the flesh. The second third of the person dies - the body!
 - c) _____ - the final separation from God, and all hope - hell! The third part of the person forever dies - the soul (Rev 20:11-15)!
- 2) The Scope, or Range of the Judgments (all because when sin entered by Adam, *IT* affected/tainted all aspects of God’s creation):
 - a) Judgment upon _____ (2:17; 3:16):
 - (i) That they would now die - they MUST lose flesh!
 - (ii) That man would always struggle to live (3:19)
 - (iii) That childbirth would be extremely painful
 - (iv) That sin would reign over them - run them
 - b) Judgment upon _____ - “upon all men” (Rom 5:12). The “image of God” was marred, and needed to be replaced - replaceable only by THE image of God, Jesus Christ (2Cor 4:4), the Second Adam!
 - c) Judgment upon _____ - the earth itself was cursed (Gen 3:17-19). It still is! But one day the curse will be “undone” (Rev 20, 21)!
 - d) Judgment of _____ (Gen 3:14,15) - He is not being allowed to get away with “murder!” Satan is limited by God until the one final fight match (Rev 20)

c. Sin’s independence from the Law (Rom 5:13,14).

- 1) Sin REIGNS over three of the _____ general time periods in human history (Cf 2 Tim 2:15; there are actually *seven*):
 - a) In The Garden - Innocence - no sin until *the Fall*
 - b) From the expulsion of Adam to Moses (Rom 5:13) - Before the giving of the Law (Ex 20) and yet sin was still sin - SIN began its REIGN in Gen 3!
 - c) From the Law till Christ (Ex 20 - Luke 16:16). Every aspect and detail of sin described
 - d) From Christ until Satan judged (John 1:17 - Rev 21). Grace exceeds the power of sin, yet sin still present
 - e) After Satan judged (Rev 21). No more sin! Sin destroyed!
- 2) The general nature of Sin.
 - a) Sin is sin, even if in done ignorance. The Law just clearly identifies sin - it puts a spotlight upon it (John 3:19), giving us the “knowledge of sin” (Cf Rom 3:20; 7:7)
 - b) We may not sin “after the similitude” (like the way) of Adam’s transgression, but we still sin! Sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4)
 - (i) Adam had a Law (Gen 2:16,17)
 - (ii) All people have a law written in their conscience that they choose to keep, or to violate (Rom 2:14,15)
 - (iii) The written Law of God was just the capstone of a system of righteousness that proved that no person on earth was perfect (Rom 3:20,21)

2. **The Free Gift of Jesus Christ (5:15-21)**

- a. Salvation’s entry into this world (5:15) - A simple comparison is presented between Sin’s entry by the first Adam, and Salvation’s entry by “the second Adam,” Jesus Christ!

By one man - Adam	By one man - Jesus Christ
The offence was earned	The free gift was given

Sin and Death abounded	Grace and Life abounded
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b. Salvation’s contrast with Sin (5:16). The result of sin is the exact opposite of the result of God’s grace - Here it is in a “nutshell”:

Adam’s one sin brought vast condemnation, no matter what righteousness he did	Christ’s free gift brought vast forgiveness, no matter what sin a person did!!!
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c. Salvation’s superiority over Sin - The “much more” of God’s plan (5:17-21)

1) God did not just *tilt* the balances back to neutral, but _____ the scales in LIFE’s favour (John 10:10)!

Even though Adam’s sin destroyed life	Christ’s righteousness destroyed death (which was against life)
Adam brought death in through the reign of sin	Jesus so much more brought life in through the reign of grace

2) We inherited God’s judgment, but we can receive God’s free gift to escape it - exercise free will! God’s righteousness is not imposed! Must be wanted just like sin was wanted!

Adam’s offence brought <u>judgment</u> upon all people	Christ’s righteousness brought the <u>free gift</u> upon all people
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3) After Adam disobeyed, no matter how much he may try and obey again, he can never return to the position he had before. God Himself had to obey in the place of someone else, and then pay for the sin of that someone else, as if it was HE who had disobeyed - All so that sinners could be made righteous!

Adam’s disobedience made us sinners by birth	Christ’s obedience makes a person righteous by new birth
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4) God had to counteract the disease of sin with a more powerful cure than would completely do away with the power of sin to destroy the sinner anymore!

Just to make sin clearer, and more easily understood, God gave the Law	But, as sin abounded, God gave GRACE, capable of overpowering sin and the Law
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5) Satan’s only design is to destroy, murder, and ruin (John 8:44). God’s only design is to bring about life (Jer 29:11; John 3:16,17)

Just as sin reigned with one purpose - to produce death	So grace <u>is available</u> to reign through the righteousness of Jesus Christ - to produce eternal life by Jesus Christ
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d. A final comparison list (a review of Rom 5:17-21)

By one man’s disobedience - Adam	By one Man’s obedience - Christ
_____ entered	_____ entered
The offence was _____ by all	_____ available to all
Death abounded, and now reigns	Grace abounded and Life can reign
Condemnation	Justification
Many were made sinners	Many are made righteous
Required the Law to enter in	Required Grace to enter in
Offences (sins) abounded	Grace abounds (<i>over-rules</i>) sin
Sin has reigned unto the death of all	Grace now can reign unto eternal life for all

IV. Study Questions

- A. Define "Justification" _____
- B. Name SIX things that we possess because we are justified with God:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- C. We are justified by "what?" _____
- D. In God's kingdom, God uses our tribulations to produce WHAT in us? _____
- E. There is no what in God's kingdom? _____
- F. Name SIX things that the Holy Spirit does for us
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
- G. What was "the door" that allowed sin into our world? _____
- H. List the three deaths that a person could experience:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- I. God did not just *tilt* the balances back to neutral, but DID WHAT to the scales in LIFE's favour? _____