

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Wednesday Sermon

Date: October 7, 2020

Text: Romans 5:1-11

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Subject: The results of Justification

In the previous Wednesday services, we studied the last few verses of chapter three and all of chapter four. In that section, we saw that all persons without exception were guilty before God, but the righteousness of God apart from the law was manifested by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. We saw justification defined, illustrated, and a long set of verses showing that it was apart from the law – the old covenant. That study closed with the promise that righteousness would be imputed if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 5:1 (KJV) *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Because of justification by faith, we who believe and have the faith of Jesus Christ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are no longer enmity against God, but those of us who are believing stand righteous in His sight, because of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ - therefore, we have peace with God. God the Father has declared us justified. Our righteousness is that of Christ and is imputed to us. Notice this verse:

Romans 4:17 (KJV) *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

Romans 5:2 (KJV) *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand,-- By Jesus Christ also we have access by faith into this grace. Consider this. By faith you and I who believe can come boldly to the throne of grace (into the holiest of all) that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:12).

And rejoice in hope of the glory of God. – The glory of God speaks of that everlasting glory and happiness which he has prepared for his people. It is that hope that He has promised to us who believe, and has called us to by Christ, and will bestow upon us without question. Therefore, He has given us great consolation and a good hope through grace.

Romans 5:3 (KJV) *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;*

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: -- as old soldiers do in their scars of honour: see [Ga 6:17](#); [2Co 12:9-11](#).

Galatians 6:17 (KJV) *From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-11 (KJV) *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been*

commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

Believers do not only glory in their future happiness, but in their present sufferings and afflictions; yet not so much in affliction itself, but in what the affliction produces of which he speaks in what follows.

Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; -- not as if affliction of itself and in its own nature did this; but God, who is the author and giver of patience, uses tribulation for this purpose. Tribulation is a means used of God for the exercising, obtaining, and increasing of patience in all of us. We are taught to patiently keep on doing well and patiently keep on taking the wrongs and insults of others. Isn't that right? Yes, it is!

Romans 5:4 (KJV) *And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

And patience, experience; -- In the same way that tribulations tend to exercise and increase patience, so patience being exercised and increased, enlarges the saints' experience. By these experiences, we will recall how the love and grace of God was given us in these trials; We will recall God's faithfulness in fulfilling his promises and his power in supporting us as we went through them. It will help us remember our own frailty and weakness. Thinking on that, we will be taught humility, thankfulness, and resignation to the will of God.

And experience, hope: -- hope is a gift of God's grace and one of the great remaining virtues in all of us who believe.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (KJV) *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

Hebrews 6:19 (KJV) *Which **hope** we have as **an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast**, and which entereth into that within the veil;*

We who are tried by tribulation come forth as gold. By that will strongly be encouraged to hope. That hope abounds, increases, and becomes more strong and lively by experience of the love, grace, mercy, power, and faithfulness of God.

Romans 5:5 (KJV) ***And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***

And hope maketh not ashamed; -- What does the word "Ashamed" mean? It is to be confused or confounded by failure or disappointment. This hope shall never be a cause for shame as a vain hope is. Vain hope of things in this present life and hope not lodged in Jesus Christ deceives, and is lost. But the grace of hope never fails deceives or disappoints. No, it is both sure and steadfast and shall be realized without fail. Hope neither makes ashamed nor have persons that are of this hope have any reason to be ashamed of it. We shall not be ashamed of the grace itself nor of the foundation of it which is the person and righteousness of Christ; nor of the object of it, eternal glory.

because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given us. – The love of God is understood either actively, of our love to God, or rather passively, of his love to us.

"Shed abroad in our hearts" means the love of God is greatly manifested or abundantly poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to all of us who believe. The Holy Ghost make us feel the love of God and fills our hearts with love to God. It is the love of God in us to love others.

Romans 5:6 (KJV) *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

For when we were yet without strength, -- We were utterly dead in sins and unable to help ourselves.

In due time Christ died for the ungodly. – The death of Christ was prophesied in the Old Testament and illustrated every time an innocent animal or bird was killed to temporarily cover sins. Christ came at the time ordained before the world was.

Galatians 4:4 (KJV) *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

For the ungodly – In their place. For the sake, or instead of, all of us who were enemies to God. As enemies of God we could never deserve such favor from him that Christ should die for us.

Romans 5:7 (KJV) *For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.*

Paul proceeds with his wonderful words of praise concerning God's love. Among men, while for a sternly honest man no one would die, yet someone might be found to venture death for a "noble" person, that is, a person of generous-hearted goodness. But what of God's love? This is an introduction in thought for the next verse.

Romans 5:8 (KJV) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

But God commendeth his love toward us, -- God commendeth – manifested and gave full proof of his love. Notice the pronoun "toward us." Paul was writing to the church which was at Rome – a company of baptized believers in Jesus Christ.

In that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. – All of us were yet sinners when Christ died for us – that is, in our place. We were by nature the children of wrath even as others. We were by nature sinners and because we were sinners by nature, we sinned, all of us sinned and come short of the glory of God. The carnal mind which every one of us possessed before we came to Christ is not only an enemy to God, but enmity itself,

Romans 8:7 (KJV) *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

Colossians 1:21 (KJV) *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

This enmity is a mutual enmity, God loathing the sinner, and the sinner loathing God.

Zechariah 11:8 (KJV) *Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.*

The great manifestation of God's love toward us was that while we were still sinners, Christ died in our place.

Romans 5:9 (KJV) *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

Much more then, -- It is much more reasonable to expect it. There are fewer obstacles in the way. If, when we were enemies, our Lord Jesus Christ overcame all that was in the way of our salvation, much more have we reason to expect that he will protect us from wrath in the future now that we are God's friends.

being now justified by his blood,-- Justification and reconciliation to God are the first and primary fruit of the death of

Christ: *We are justified by his blood (Ro 5:9), reconciled by his death, Ro 5:10.* Sin is pardoned, the sinner accepted as righteous, the quarrel taken up, the enmity slain, an end made of iniquity, and an everlasting righteousness brought in.

We shall be saved from wrath through him. – We are accepted in the Beloved – and shall never come into condemnation.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV) *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Jude 24 (KJV) *Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,*

The unbelieving world shall suffer the wrath of God, but we who are in Christ Jesus shall be saved from wrath through him. Hallelujah!!

Romans 5:10 (KJV) ***For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.***

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, -- O, beloved, we were reconciled to God by the death of Christ! No longer are we enemies of God, but are accepted in the Beloved Son.

Much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. – Our Lord ascended to the right hand of God after his resurrection and appearing to witnesses before ordained of God. Now, he continues as our great high priest who ever lives to make intercession for us. We are being saved by his life. Because, those of us who are born of God still have the mortal body and the sin nature. We need an intercessor and we have one in the risen Christ. We are being saved by his life.

Romans 5:11 (KJV) *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ -- We do not only rejoice in the hope of glory, and in tribulation, of which he had spoken in the preceding verses, [Ro 5:2-3](#), (all that fell in between being a long parenthesis), but we rejoice and glory in God himself, who is become our God and merciful Father in Jesus Christ. Truly He is our God and we are His people! God is now so far from being a terror to us that he is our joy, and our hope in the day of evil. We are reconciled and saved from wrath. Iniquity shall not be our ruin for our God has promised to remember our sins and iniquities no more. And not only so, there is more in it yet, a constant stream of grace and loving favor. We not only go to glory to the very presence of God and Christ, but we shall go to triumphantly. We not only get into the harbor, but come in with full sail. Glory to God!

By whom we have now received the atonement. -- It is not faith, nor anything else of the creature's, that makes the atonement, only Christ. (The word atonement is found here only in the New Testament. It comes from the Greek word: "καταλλαγη katallage which is also translated as: reconciliation and reconciling.) Faith, which is God's gift to us, receives the atonement or reconciling from Jesus Christ, and by him, This is the basis of our present joying in God and is the foundation of hope of future glory.

What we have seen in these verses:

1. We are justified by faith.
2. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. We have access by faith into this grace.

4. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God
5. We glory in tribulations
 - a. Because tribulations work patience.
 - b. Patience bring experience.
 - c. Experience brings hope
 - d. Hope make not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given us.
6. When we were dead in trespasses and in sins, Christ died for us, thereby commending the love of God toward us.
7. Much more, being now justified by Christ's blood, we shall be (and are now being) saved from wrath through him.
8. Being reconciled by Christ's death, we are being saved by his life.
9. We joy in God through out Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (reconciliation).