

Justification is only for the Ungodly

Sermon 12 in the Romans Series

Romans 5:6-11

Last week we looked at the Benefits that Flow from Justification

1. Peace with God -- 1
2. Access by Faith -- 2
3. Rejoicing in the midst of trouble – Spurgeon said
“Sufferings, rather than threatening or weakening our hope, as we might expect to be the case, will, instead increase our certainty in that hope. Hope, like a muscle, will not be strong if it goes unused. It is in suffering that we must exercise with deliberation and fortitude our hope, and the constant reaffirmation of hope in the midst of apparently “hopeless” circumstances will bring ever deeper conviction of the reality and certainty of that for which we hope.”
4. Perseverance (patience) -- 4
5. Character (experience) -- 4
6. Hope
7. The reason we can rejoice in trials – it is the path to spiritual maturity.

Haldane “What fullness and variety of instruction and consolation are contained in the first five verses of this chapter! The work of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is exhibited, all severally acting, as God alone can act, in the various parts of man’s salvation. The righteousness of God is imputed to the believer, who is therefore, justified, and pronounced by the judge of all the earth, righteous. As righteous he has peace with God and free access to him through Jesus Christ, and being thus introduced into the favor of God, he stands in the justified state, rejoicing in hope of future glory. Being justified, he is also sanctified, and enabled to glory even in personal afflictions. He enjoys the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, through whose Divine influence the love of God is infused into His soul. Here then, are the peace, the joy, the triumph of the Christian. Here are faith, hope, and love, the three regulators of the Christian life.”

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I. The Wonder of God’s Love -- 5:6-8

II. Christ Died to Reconcile us to God -- 5:9-11