

# The Benefits Which Come from Justification

Sermon 11 in the Romans Series

## Romans 5:1-5

### Introduction

Chapters 1, 2 and most of 3:20 – Jew and Gentile guilty before God (total depravity).

3:21ff - God's way of righteousness -- justification by faith alone -- sola fide

4 - Abraham (and David) as an example of sola fide.

5:1-11 -- The blessings which flow from justification.

5:12ff -- A discourse on the imputation of Adam's sin and Christ's righteousness.

6-8 -- deal with the doctrine of sanctification.

9-11 – A discourse on God's Sovereignty and the place of Israel in the New Covenant

### 1. Peace with God -- 1

“Having been justified.” Aorist Passive Participle

It is not a continuous action. It is a one-time declarative act.

It is passive – we have received this blessed acquittal.

This peace comes through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is Peace **with** God.

It is not a change in our feelings -- but a change in relationship with God. **Eph. 2:1-8**

### 2. Access by Faith -- 2

There are two perfect tense verbs – “have” and “stand”.

The perfect tense means something happened that continues today and will continue.

### 3. Rejoice in the midst of Trouble -- 3

To glory, even boast, to rejoice, to be happy, NASB “celebrate.”

Probably not our normal response to tribulation.

The Greek word literally means “*to abide under or stay under pressure.*”.

We naturally want to escape pressure.

But tribulation forces us to stay under it -- and ultimately this produces the good fruit of perseverance.

#### 4. Perseverance/ Endurance -- 4

Gk -- *hupomone*

You are stronger today because of the trials of yesterday.

#### 5. Character -- 4

Translated “character” in almost every modern translation.

As you persevere by God’s grace, God builds this character in you.

It is a sign you really are one of His children.

A soul that never struggles does not know Him.

#### 6. Hope - 4

*elpis*, to anticipate, (usually with pleasure); almost every translation -- hope

**Christian**, you have a hope that one day will be your experience and reality.

**Lost friend** -- You are without hope, and only the grace of God keeps you from being in Hell this very second.

#### 7. The Reason we Can Rejoice in these Trials - 5

We exult in suffering because it is the path to spiritual maturity and growth.

**2 Cor 12:9** -- *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.*

Spurgeon Quote

“The saints of God through the ages are witnesses this is true.

Ask Abraham and he will direct your attention to Mt. Moriah.

Ask Jacob and he will show you a stone pillow.

Ask Joseph and he will tell you about a dungeon.

Ask Moses and he will tell you of his trials with Pharoah.

Ask David and he will direct you to the songs he wrote in the night.

.Ask Peter and he will speak of his denial of the Lord.

Ask John and he will tell you of being an exile on Patmos.

Blessings are poured out in bitter cups.”