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Introduction

We have seen in previous messages in Chapters 3 and 4 that **the only way that any SINNER can be JUSTIFIED is BY FAITH— NOT BY WORKS OR BY KEEPING THE LAW!**

We have seen the examples of this **JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH** in both **ABRAHAM'S** life and **DAVID'S** life.

Now the **APOSTLE PAUL** delves into the **BENEFITS** belonging to every **BELIEVER** from having been **JUSTIFIED (i.e. DECLARED RIGHTEOUS) BY FAITH!**

Let's begin by reading the first eleven verses here...

I. THE JUSTIFIED HAVE PEACE WITH GOD! (VS 1)

- A. This Does NOT Mean A State Of TRANQUILITY And CONTENTMENT, But Rather The State Of BEING RECONCILED WITH GOD!**

The **PEACE** Is Between The **RECONCILED SINNER** And **GOD! 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

- B. Our FORMER STATE Was An ENEMY OF GOD. (vs 10; Cf. Romans 8:7; Colossians 1:19-22)**

- C. Our PRESENT STATE Is PEACE WITH GOD! CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE WORK provided an ATONEMENT, a COVERING FOR the SIN of the ones DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH!**

Therefore, the **HOSTILITY** and **ANIMOSITY** between **GOD** and **BELIEVERS ARE GONE!**

Instead there is **BLESSED PEACE!**

THE JUSTIFIED HAVE PEACE WITH GOD...

II. THE JUSTIFIED HAVE ACCESS TO GOD! (VS 2)

The wonder of being **DECLARED RIGHTEOUS** consists in this **OPEN ACCESS TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD!**

One who wants to see and talk to a king needs both **ACCESS—the right to come**, and an **INTRODUCTION—the proper presentation**.

The **BELIEVER** can now **APPROACH GOD** because of his **NEW STANDING BEFORE GOD! (We KNOW GOD'S SON!)**

In the **BIBLE** there is a distinction made between **OUR STANDING** and **OUR STATE...we really need to understand this principle:**

- A. OUR STANDING.**
OUR STANDING refers to our **POSITION IN HEAVEN** and **NEVER CHANGES.**

1 Corinthians 15:1—“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;”

OUR STANDING is “**IN THE GOSPEL**” or “**IN CHRIST!**”
(Romans 3:24; 6:1-12; 8:1; 2 Cor. 5:17; Ephesians 2:6)

- B. OUR STATE.**
OUR STATE refers to our condition on earth and **MAY CHANGE** (for better or worse) daily.
Philippians 2:19—“But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.”

Colossians 4:7—“All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:”

- C. Our New STANDING IN CHRIST Now Gives Us A Blessed Privilege Not Experienced By Either Jew Or Gentile In The Old Testament.**

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1. A **Gentile** Was Barred At The Gates Of The Temple.
2. A **Jewish Woman** Was Stopped At The Woman's Court.
3. A **Non-Levite Hebrew** Could Not Enter The Inner Court.
4. **The High Priest** Could Only Enter Into The Holy of Holies Once A Year, But Not Without Blood.
5. But The Veil Separating The Holy Of Holies From Sinful Man Was Rent In Two By The Death Of Christ.
 - a. *Matthew 27:50-51*
 - b. *Ephesians 2:11-19*
 - c. *Hebrews 10:19-22*

What a privilege we have been given!

THE JUSTIFIED HAVE PEACE WITH GOD...ACCESS TO GOD...

III. THE JUSTIFIED HAVE THE HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD! (VS 2; Cf. 1 John 3:1-3)

HOPE plays a vital part in the lives of **BELIEVERS**, for it has to do with all that **GOD** has **PROMISED** to do for us **IN CHRIST!**

The thought here is that the **SAVED SINNER** has something of which he can rightly boast.

- A. This **HOPE** is not rooted in some misplaced self-esteem or empty pride.
- B. This **HOPE** is objective and definitely refers to the **ONLY HOPE OF THE BELIEVER!**
 1. *Titus 2:13*—“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”

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2. *Acts 1:11*—“. . .Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
3. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

JUSTIFICATION alone makes the **BLESSED HOPE** of the **BELIEVER** a **REALITY** and a **GLORIOUS ANTICIPATION!** It alone guarantees the delights of **HEAVEN!**

*THE JUSTIFIED HAVE PEACE WITH GOD...ACCESS TO GOD...
THE HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD...*

Conclusion

We'll leave off there and come back **LORD** willing next week!

Are you a **PARTAKER** of the **BENEFITS?**

Have you been **JUSTIFIED BY FAITH?**

If so, are you **APPROPRIATING** these **BENEFITS** we've spoken of that available to you? (*i.e. Peace, Access, Hope*)