

God Drew Near

Romans 5:1-11

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Romans 5:1 *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Peace (eirēnē): harmony, tranquility, freedom from worry

Romans 5:2 *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Grace (charis): the absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favor.

Rejoice (kauchaomai): boast

Romans 5:3–5 *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Put us to shame (kataischynō): to humiliate, to disgrace

Procurement

Romans 5:6 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Weak (asthenēs): unable, helpless

Romans 5:7–8 *For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Preservation

Romans 5:9 *Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

Romans 5:10 *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

Romans 5:11 *More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. God drew near*

Shame, guilt, fear

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Hebrews 4:13 *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

Zechariah 3:1–5 *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.² And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”⁵ And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.*

Hebrews 10:19–25 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies*

washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.