

Remarkable
Access

Romans 5:1-5

Romans 5:1 Amplified Bible

5 Therefore, since we have been justified [that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God] by faith, [let us grasp the fact that] we have peace with God [and the joy of reconciliation with Him] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).

Romans 5:2 Amplified Bible

2 Through Him we also have access by faith into this [remarkable state of] grace in which we [firmly and safely and securely] stand. Let us rejoice in our [a]hope and the confident assurance of [experiencing and enjoying] the glory of [our great] God [the manifestation of His excellence and power].

Romans 5:3 Amplified Bible

3 And not only this, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings and rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance;

Romans 5:4 Amplified Bible

4 and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope and confident assurance [of eternal salvation].

Romans 5:5 Amplified Bible

5 Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints us, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1. Sin - Romans 1:1 - 3:20
(Genesis)
2. Salvation - Romans 3:21 - 5:21
(Exodus)
3. Sanctification - Romans 6 - 8
(Leviticus)
4. Sovereignty - Romans 9 - 11
(Numbers)
5. Service - Romans 12 - 16
(Deuteronomy)

Romans 4 (Salvation)

1. Abe and Dave - before and under the law
2. A faith that works
3. **Law vs Faith / Works vs Grace**
4. **What is the gentile connection to Abe?**
5. **What part does the Law play now and what about Israel and the church?**

Since we have been **justified** we have....

- Peace v1
- Access v2
- Hope v2
- Confidence v3-4
- Love v5

Peace = unity = oneness

- Jesus is our peace (Ephesians 2:14)
- "...My peace I give to you, not as the world gives..." (Jn 14:27)
- Peace *with* vs Peace *of* (Phil 4:7)
- To stand in **Grace**
 - I don't have to prove or earn
 - Door/access is permanently open

Access = privilege of approach

- In contrast to the Holy of Holies ([Ex 26](#))
 - BTW, He tore the veil ([Luke 23:45](#))
and broke down the wall ([Eph. 2:14](#))
- “One may be reconciled to his prince,
and yet not to be brought into his
presence.” (Poole)
- Keep on standing (present tense,
continuing on) (see [Col 2:6](#))

To think one might not have, or have varying degrees of access to God because of conduct or designation is to confuse how one came to have access in the first place. Jesus is this introducer of persons and mender of breaches, He alone brings peace by His sacrifice, to transform the enemy into family, the dead outcast into living permanent members. He alone provides this impossible access, this lasting privilege, this position of nearness by and in Grace.

Since there is no self-contribution to the everlasting delight, you will never again not have access. You are now, and will always be one at peace, with access, in Grace, In the brightness of his countenance, with your name sung on the lips of the enthroned Savior. For this reason we rejoice in our sure and confident promise, this hope of the majesty of God.

Hope = Blessed certainty

1. **“Peace with God”** takes care of the past: He will no longer hold our sins against us.
2. **“Access to God”** takes care of the present: we can come to Him at any time for the help we need.
3. **“Hope of the glory of God”** takes care of the future

Confidence v3-4 = character that has been tested and proven

- Promised tribulation ([John 16:33](#))
 - Crushing/Olive Press/Gethsemane
- Perseverance (patient endurance)
- Proven character (spiritual maturity)
- Hope (confident assurance)
- ([see Matt. 13:21](#); [1 Thes. 1:4–6](#); and [James 1:3ff.](#))

....plus Jesus....

“‘Tribulation worketh patience,’ says the apostle. Naturally it is not so. Tribulation worketh impatience, and impatience misses the fruit of experience, and sours into hopelessness. Ask many who have buried a dear child, or have lost their wealth, or have suffered pain of body, and they will tell you that the natural result of affliction is to produce irritation against providence, rebellion against God, questioning, unbelief, petulance, and! all sorts of evils. But what a wonderful alteration takes place when the heart is renewed by the Holy Spirit!” (Spurgeon)

**Love by the Holy Spirit = Sacrificial,
continuously and abundantly poured,
once and for all**

- By the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30, cf. 1 Jn 3:24; 4:13)
- All Christians have (Romans 8:9).
- Not all live in the fullness of (Eph 5:18, Romans 8:4-5)

- 1st three of the “fruit of the Spirit”:
 - love (Rom. 5:5), joy (Rom. 5:2), and peace (Rom. 5:1).
- Faith (Rom. 5:1), hope (Rom. 5:2), and love (Rom. 5:5) all combine to give the believer patience in the trials of life.
(Wiersbe)

