

# At Peace with God

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The fifth chapter of Romans is written with that spirit of joy and hope.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:1–5, NIV)*

The Benefits of Justification

1. We have peace with God.

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

You now belong to God's family.

*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (Romans 5:9–10, NIV)*

You have peace with God on the merits of Jesus Christ.

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27, NIV)*

The war is over. The battle is over. It's finished.

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7, NIV)*

2. We have access to God.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1–2, NIV)*

*It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44–46, NIV)*

There is no person on earth who has better access to God than you are capable of having.

*let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22, NIV)*

3. We have the hope of heaven.

*And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:2, NIV)*

4. We can rejoice in our hardships.

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3–4, NIV)*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28, NIV)*

5. We have the love of God in our hearts.

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:3–5, NIV)*

# **At Peace with God – Small Group Study Guide**

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## **Introduction**

What are some things man does so God will be at peace with him?

Doesn't man have peace with God anyway? How are we at war?

## **Read Romans 5:1-2**

What does it mean to be 'justified' (Romans 5:1)?

What does the 'by faith' mean (Romans 5:1)?

Why is this 'by faith' only? (this relates to chapter 4 as well)

How is Christ's death related to this 'justification by faith' or our salvation?

What are the two results of being made right with God (Romans 5:1-2)?

## **Read Romans 5:6-8**

How did God show His love for us (Romans 5:6-8)?

Does anyone know of an example of someone dying for a good person? Bad?

## **Application**

Why it is so difficult for man to come to the Lord? Is salvation a 50/50 venture?

If someone asked, "How do you know when you are a Christian?" from our discussion, how would we answer him or her?