

Ps 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

- I am going to give you some truth to sink your teeth into. The realization of what God has done for you; of what He has given you; of what is yours because of Christ. This is reason for rejoicing.

Main Text: Rom 5:1-11 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

I. What is the doctrine of justification?

- A. **Justification = the gracious act of God in which the believing sinner is rendered innocent & righteous.** (*I would recommend memorizing this*) It is something God did for you when He saved you.
1. **The clearing of our sin debt;** (**being rendered innocent:** i.e. the forgiveness of our sins).
 - a. Ps 38:4...mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
 - b. Ps 103:10-12 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him
12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us
 - c. Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
 2. **The crediting of our account;** (**being rendered righteous:** i.e. being considered righteous).

Rom 4:6-8 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without (*apart from*) works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, & whose sins are covered.
 3. (*There is a 3rd part to this blessing*) **The casting away of the old accounting system.**

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. (God will not impute sin to the man He has justified)

 - a. This does not mean God does not care if you sin; it means He deals with sin differently.
 - b. **The unbeliever has a record** of their sins being held till the day of judgement.
 - c. **The believer has no record**
 - 1). Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
(a) lay anything to the charge = (Gr) to call in (as a debt or demand), i.e. bring to account
 - 2). God deals with us as His children ... He lovingly disciplines us and convicts us for individual acts of sin.

What We Have and Who We Are in Jesus – Romans 5-8 Study
Lesson I: *The Ramifications of Justification Part 1; The Blessedness of Forgiveness*

- (a) 1 Cor 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. *Chasten = to educate; to train up and discipline a child*
- (b) See Heb 12:5-11

B. Justification has resulted in a relationship of **peace and harmony** with God.

1. Rom 5:1 ...being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
2. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by *(through)* the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.
 - a. Atonement = (Gr) restoration to divine favor; reconciliation to God; At – one – ment.
 - b. Now received (Now = since we believed). So right standing with God is a present possession for the believer.

II. **How is one justified?**

A. Job asked this question: Job 9:2 ...but how should man be just with God?

B. By faith in Jesus Christ and because of what He did for us on the cross.

1. Rom 5:1 We didn't earn it; don't deserve it; cannot be worthy of it (by grace thru faith)
 2. Rom 5:10...when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by *(thru)* the death of his Son
 - a. This is the reason for vs 6-8
 3. Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
 - a. Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
 - b. Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
 - c. Hab 2:4 ...the just shall live by his faith.
- As I was **working on this message I started getting filled with Joy!** I get Joy when I think about, what He's done for me!
 - Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat *(consume; devour)* them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

When we read **Rom 5:1-11 we are only scratching the surface** of what He has done for us.