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Romans 5:9-11, 15-21

(Understanding the Gospel Part 7)

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

¹⁰ 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!

¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have peace with God: Jesus came to give us much more life.

John 10:10

¹⁰ ...I came so that you could have real and eternal life, more and better life than you ever dreamed of.

PEACE WITH GOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR JOY

Luke 2:10

¹⁰ ...the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will **cause great joy for all the people**.

FOUR MAJOR BENEFITS OF HAVING PEACE WITH GOD IN OUR LIFE

- Access into God's grace by faith
- The hope of the glory of God
- Our glory in our sufferings
- The presence of God's Spirit in us

Romans 5:1

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

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." From 'Mere Christianity' by C. S. Lewis

Peace(*eirene*): Shalom - completeness, soundness, and welfare. It's the satisfaction of all areas in human life that comes from our peace with God which impacts over all other relationships in human existence.

JESUS PROMISED US HIS SHALOM.

John 14:27

²⁷ **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.

The benefits from having peace with God in life

Romans 5:2-5

² 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.

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.

⁵ 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.

Benefit # 1: Access into God's grace by faith

"...through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand."

Benefit # 2: The hope of the glory of God

"...And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."

Benefit # 3: Our glory in our suffering: suffering – perseverance – character – hope

"...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

Benefit # 4: The presence of God's Spirit in us

"...because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."