

GRACE GIFTS

ROMANS 5:1-11

Introduction: Growing in grace from the perspective of a new born child of God. Let's look at some of God's grace gifts to His children.

I. Justification (5:1)

- A. God's declaration "***Not Guilty***"
- B. Demands of the law are met
- C. Believing sinner –on behalf of
- D. Through the righteousness of Jesus Christ
- E. It is a legal transaction
- F. It is a gift of grace
- G. It is a one-time event
- H. Faith- an initial act of commitment

II. Peace with God (5:1)

- A. Believers possess peace with God
- B. A new relationship: *Children of God*
See John 1:12 – "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right...."
- C. *Comes through what Jesus did on the cross*

III. Our Introduction (access) to God (5:2)

- A. ***Direct access to God was unthinkable for the Jews*** (Ex. 19:20-21)
 - 1. The Tabernacle, then the Temple
 - a. Gentile Court
 - b. Women's Court
 - c. Men's Court
 - d. Priest's Court
 - 2. The Holy of Holies
 - a. Only the High Priest could enter on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
 - b. Bells were sewn on special garments
 - c. Pomegranates were also sewn on garments
 - 1. Produced red juice
 - 2. *Symbol of the blood of Christ*
 - d. The High Priest could lose his life if he entered unworthily.
Lev. 16:2

B. ***Jesus' atoning sacrifice (death) gave access to any person, Jew or Gentile, who trusts in the sacrifice***

1. The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
Matt. 27:51
2. **We are invited to the throne of grace.** Heb. 4: 15-16
3. We have access to God 24/7.

C. ***"Into this grace in which we stand"***

1. **Conversion results in a relationship with God.**
 - a. Started in the past (stand= perfect tense)
 - b. Continues in the present
2. **God's grace has the power to keep us.**
 - a. Phil. 1:6 – God will complete His good work in you.
 - b. Jude 24 – He is able to keep us from stumbling

IV. **Rejoicing in hope of the glory of God (5:2)**

A. ***Hope is God's vision of the future***

1. We see it through faith Heb. 11:1
2. We embrace it through faith.
3. It will happen because God said it would. Num. 23:19

B. ***The glory of God***

1. It is the fulfillment of the Creator's purpose in creation.
2. Jesus is our hope. I Tim 1:1
3. Jesus gives us the glory He received from His Father. John 17:22

V. **Rejoicing in tribulations (5:3)**

A. ***Tribulations***

1. Living under pressure
2. The Greek term refers to squeezing grapes for juice or olives for oil
3. These are troubles suffered for the Lord – not common troubles
4. All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
2 Tim. 3:12
5. Persecution brings blessing and great reward in heaven
Matt. 5:10 – 12

B. ***Tribulation (suffering) does not mean:***

1. "Grin and bear it"
2. We are not expected to enjoy pain – a masochist
3. It is not pretending that we are happy
 - a. Our lives should be transparent
 - b. "What you see is what you get."
4. You may not be able to rejoice at the time of the trial. Heb. 12:11
(discipline)

C. *Tribulations produce fruit*

1. Perseverance (5:3)
 - a. To abide under, to stay under pressure
 - b. We may tend to panic under pressure – The disciples on the Sea of Galilee. Mark 4:35-41
2. Proven character (5:4)
 - a. Greek: being put to the test and approved, reliable
 1. Like fire used to remove the impurities from gold
 - b. 2 Cor. 1:8 – 10
3. Hope (5:4)
 - a. We are being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Rom. 8:29
 - b. Hope does not disappoint

“Hope makes us confident. Hope, or certainty, produces confidence and boldness.”

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VI: **The love of God (5:5)**

- A. *The Holy Spirit is a gift to us.* (5:5)
- B. *God’s love is expressed for:*
 1. The ungodly, helpless, powerless (5:6)
 - a. At the right time Christ died for the ungodly
 - b. (5:7) – The depth of God’s love
 2. Sinners (5:8)
 - a. We have a sinful nature and it separates us from God
 - b. Christ died for us
 - c. Justified by Jesus’ shed blood (5:9)
 - d. Saved from the wrath of God I Thes. 1:10
 3. Enemies (5:10)
 - a. One who is antagonistic or seeks to inflict injury on another
 - b. Reconcile – to be brought together, changed completely

VII: **Rejoicing in God and His Son (5:11)**