

WHAT IS IN STORE? SO MUCH MORE

Romans 5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 5:1-11 NASB

- A sure sign of salvation...peace with God. (see **v1**)
- We have been invited into the grace of God by which we stand.

Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice *and* exult in our hope of experiencing *and* enjoying the glory of God.

Romans 5:2 AMPC

- This is grace in which we stand:
 - It is undeserved, unmerited favor with God.
 - It is the desire and power to do the will of God.
 - It is the divine empowerment or adequacy...He furnishes the capability that is needed.

- This causes our troubles to bring about perseverance, our perseverance to produce proven character or maturity and this character or maturity to produce hope.
 - Hope, the confident expectation of the fullness of your salvation.
 - Hope ‘delivers’ because it is linked to the love of God which has been poured into our hearts by His Spirit.
 - This love of God can not even fail to be love!
- While we were still helpless, separated from God, at the right time Jesus died for the ungodly. The righteous died for the unrighteous.
 - But God demonstrated His love and while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us.
 - Much more, having been reconciled to God by His death, we shall be saved by His life.
 - If you have not been ‘justified/reconciled’ to God then there is much more to knowing God than you can possibly imagine...
 - His death saves us from our sin, and His life saves us from ourselves.
 - God’s ‘much more’ is not heaven...it is for the here and now.

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶The gift is not like *that which came* through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment *arose* from one *transgression* resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift *arose* from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:12-17 NASB

- Much more:
 - Those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through Jesus Christ. We share in His life.
 - We reign in life when He is reigning in our lives.

¹⁸So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18-21 NASB

- His one act of righteousness results in the justification of all people who believe in Him.
- Sin reigned in death (everyone sinned and deserved death) even so grace reigned through His righteousness unto eternal life.
 - Sin reigns resulting in separation from God and ultimately in death (eternal separation). Grace reigns resulting in right standing with God which produces an increasing Christ likeness (much more in the here and now) and ultimately life together forever with Him (there and then).
 - He died then and lives now for you to have much more (life abundantly).
 - Do you have it?
 - Do you want it?