

# **Session 5 – AT PEACE**

**All who accept the gospel find peace with God.**

**KEY DOCTRINE: *Salvation***

**Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God (Gal. 3:13).**

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## UNDERSTAND **THE CONTEXT** – Rom. 5:1-21

- ❑ Paul turns his attention to the results of justification
- ❑ Verses 1-5 lists the benefits of justification
- ❑ Verses 6-8 records how God demonstrated His love by sending Jesus to die for us.
- ❑ Verses 9-11 introduces the concept of reconciliation.

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## EXPLORE THE TEXT

- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ Paul is saying **since we have been justified by faith**
  - ❑ Meaning **Our right standing before God is the result of our faith in Jesus' atoning sacrifice.**
  - ❑ Result of our justification: **we have peace with God** which is **through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
  - ❑ This peace describes our relationship as believers with God resulting from our justification.

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## EXPLORE THE TEXT

- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ Jesus' peace is different from the world (Jn. 14:27).
  - ❑ We have peace because Jesus conquered the world (Jn.16:33)
  - ❑ Paul told the Philippians the “peace of God” would protect them and the “God of peace” would be with them in Phil. 4:7-9.
  - ❑ In verse 2, Paul specified the other benefits that come from peace with God.
  - ❑ We have **access** to God through our faith in Jesus Christ.

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## EXPLORE **THE TEXT**

- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ We have access **into this grace in which we now stand.**
  - ❑ Paul reminded believers all the benefits described here are result of God's grace.
  - ❑ **Believers have firm foundation when they stand in God's grace.**
  - ❑ Paul boasted on God as he reflected on the **hope of the glory of God.**
  - ❑ Refers to a future restoration of God's glory as in Eden.

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## EXPLORE THE TEXT

- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ Paul told them **we also glory in our sufferings.**
  - ❑ **Sufferings** - that which produces pressure on the individual either physically or emotionally.
  - ❑ Paul's point: **God often uses our afflictions to shape our character in His image.**
  - ❑ Paul explained how believers could respond to suffering in this way by pointing out the virtues suffering produces.
  - ❑ First, **perseverance** – the ability to bear up under the pressure produced by suffering.

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## EXPLORE **THE TEXT**

- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ Believers must bear up under the difficulties of the Christian life. (Heb. 12:1; 12-13)
  - ❑ **Perseverance produces character.**
  - ❑ That proven character God produces in us through our patient endurance shines forth when we experience suffering.
  - ❑ **Character produces hope.**
  - ❑ **Hope is a confident expectation that God will act to bring to completion what He began in Christ.**

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- ❑ **Justified With Benefits (Rom. 5:1-5)**
  - ❑ **Hope does not put us to shame.** (Rom. 1:16)
  - ❑ **Because God's love has been poured out into our hearts.**
  - ❑ We love others by the love that God has given us **through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**
  
- ❑ *Can you think of times in your life when God has used difficulties to produce endurance, character and hope? Did you see these difficulties as opportunities for growth or did you see them only as obstacles to your happiness?*



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## EXPLORE **THE TEXT**

- ❑ **Justified Through His Death** (Rom. 5:6-8)
  - ❑ Paul used three phrases to describe man's position to God.
  - ❑ **Powerless, Ungodly, and Sinners** (vs. 8)
  - ❑ **Powerless** – someone who is physically or emotionally ill or weak, unable to accomplish anything on our own.
  - ❑ **Ungodly and Sinners** – those who were in open rebellion to God's law
  - ❑ Paul said **at just the right time** (the time God had set)  
**Christ died for the powerless, the ungodly and sinners.**

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- ❑ **Justified Through His Death** (Rom. 5:6-8)
  - ❑ Paul expressed how hard it was to find someone willing to die for **a righteous person** in verse 7.
  - ❑ He said they might die for a good person.
  - ❑ **God demonstrates His own love for us** on the cross
  - ❑ **Demonstrates** – proves or shows
  - ❑ Jesus died for people who ignored him, turned against him and who crucified him.
  
- ❑ *Can you think of a situation in which you would willingly give your life for the life of another person?  
What was there about us that led Jesus to die for us?*

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- ❑ **Justified Equals Reconciliation (Rom. 5:9-11)**
  - ❑ Paul here in verse 9 links our right standing with God to our future salvation.
  - ❑ He said **we have now been justified (made right) by his (Jesus') blood.**
  - ❑ **We shall be saved from God's wrath** which is against sin and evil **through Him (Christ)!**
  - ❑ In verse 10, Paul said **while we were God's enemies,** before we were saved.
  - ❑ **We were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ.**

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- ❑ **Justified Equals Reconciliation** (Rom. 5:9-11)
  - ❑ **Justification** – God’s work in declaring righteous those who have faith in Jesus.
  - ❑ **Reconciliation** – the changed relationship we have with God because he has declared us righteous.
  - ❑ We have been changed from an enemy to a child of God
  - ❑ Paul then states **Not only is this so** meaning “not only have we been reconciled”.
  - ❑ **We also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
  - ❑ We should rejoice in our new relationship with God

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## EXPLORE **THE TEXT**

- ❑ **Justified Equals Reconciliation (Rom. 5:9-11)**
  - ❑ God took the **initiative** to **reconcile** the world to Himself.
  - ❑ He did it through Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.
  - ❑ **We have now received reconciliation.**
  - ❑ It is a present possession.
  - ❑ **We should be bragging on God daily for what He had done for us in Christ.**
  
- ❑ *Can you think of concrete ways that your relationship with God has affected your relationship with people you interact with each day?*

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## IN MY CONTEXT

- ❑ Peace with God results from being declared just through faith in Jesus.
- ❑ God demonstrates His love to us through the sacrificial death of Jesus.
- ❑ Believers are saved through faith in Jesus, now and forever.

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**Closing Remarks**

**Introduce Next Teacher**

**Next Sunday's Lesson: "FREE"**