

The Triumph of Grace – Romans 5



MEMORY VERSE: ...but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

DAY 1 ROMANS 5:1-5 — Peace Through Christ

1. What happens when we put our faith in Jesus Christ? vv. 1-2
2. Why does being justified by faith also cause us to rejoice in suffering?
3. Why do you think each step of growth through suffering is necessary for the next?
4. What do you think it means that, “hope does not put us to shame?” How is this encouraging to you?
5. What does the Holy Spirit do for us? v. 5

John 14:25-27

DAY 2 ROMANS 5:6-11 — Reconciliation Through Christ

6. For whom did Christ die?
7. Why is this so astonishing? vv. 6-8

LEARN THE TRUTH

We all want and need peace, but it is elusive if we don't know where to find it. And when we lack peace, we also lack joy. God wants us to have both and they only come by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you understand and experience grace so you can have true peace and joy.

8. Using a dictionary and/or other Biblical translations, write down your understanding of these words:
Justified

Saved

Reconciled

9. How do these words, the result of Christ's sacrifice, impact both our present and our future?
10. What was God's motive for Christ's death? How does knowing this affect you?

DAY 3 ROMANS 5:12-14 — The Reign of Death

11. What happened through the life of the one man, Adam?
12. Does this mean we can blame Adam for our sin? see also James 1:13-15
13. If something is not "counted" as sin because there is no law against it, does it still matter?
See also Romans 1:18-20
14. What is the difference between sin committed before the law was given and sin committed after.
What do both have in common?
15. What do you think it means to say that "death reigned" in verse 14?

DAY 4 ROMANS 5:15-19 — The Reign of Grace

16. List the words and phrases that describe Adam's trespass, sin and the legacy he left to the world.

17. List the words and phrases that describe Christ's sacrifice and His legacy.
18. Why is sinful Adam called "a type" of Christ in verse 14? See also 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
19. Adam was one man. Christ was one man. You are one person. What is God's desire for each one of His people? vv. 18-19 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
20. Think of the people who helped you understand salvation in Christ. Why did they impact you so?

DAY 5 ROMANS 5:20-21 – Life Through Jesus Christ

21. What is one result of the law? See also Romans 7:7
22. While sin reigns in death, what does grace accomplish? see also 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
23. What does the abundance of grace mean to you personally?
24. Concepts that have been explained in previous chapters become personal in this chapter. Which of these confuse, encourage or are especially relevant in your life right now: peace, hope, wrath, suffering, justification, reconciliation, sin, death, righteousness, reign, grace, guilt, ambassador?

LOVE THE TRUTH

Nothing compares with the transforming power of grace. No sin you have ever committed is too big for God to forgive. Instead of allowing sin and death to reign in your life, trust in Jesus Christ's free gift for justification, and let the abundance of grace reign in your life now and forever.

Romans 5

The Triumph of Grace

Peace. We all need it and crave it, but it can seem far out of reach. If we are honest with ourselves, we know we have a serious problem that we are unable to fix on our own. We do good deeds hoping to make up for our bad deeds. We say nice things to cover up the evil thoughts in our hearts. But we cannot hide the truth. No effort, self-discipline, good intention or illusion can solve the problem of our sin nature. Deep down, we know we are God's enemies because our own merit is nothing compared to God's infinite goodness.

Sadly, the world will give us props for our efforts and tell us that we are "ok" no matter what we believe or how we live. But the world's opinion cannot make us ok. Without God, sin and death reign in our hearts and we have an enemy who wants it this way because he hates us. But God loves us. Jesus said, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

God wants us to have peace. He does not want us to sit in failure, at odds with Him. Because of His love for us, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to live a sinless life and become the unblemished sacrifice to atone for our sins. Our human sense of justice has difficulty accepting this because Christ's death for our sin does not seem to be a fair trade. Something in us wants to prove our worth or at least give our best effort to make us good. But no effort or work can justify us. God's love and grace is totally undeserved, but it is just. The war for your soul is over. The price has been paid by Christ.

Adam was the first to sin and left a legacy of sin and death. God intended for us to live forever, but even before the law was given, people died because of their sin. Adam's one act of disobedience influenced all of humanity, while Christ's one act of obedience led to life and forgiveness for anyone who would receive it. We each have to decide- do we trust in the way of Adam,

resulting in death, or in Christ, which leads to life? When put our faith in Christ, we really and truly are redeemed, reconciled with God, saved from His wrath, justified. He is not mad at us! We can rejoice, knowing that God will use every bit of pain and suffering to develop our character and give us hope. This hope is not a wish or a pipe dream, but rather a certainty that God's promises are true. We will not be disappointed and we will indeed have eternal life. Jesus gave us this promise, "I have said these things to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

WALK IN TRUTH



Do you have peace in your life? We often feel peaceful, but then discover the good feelings are simply because there is a current lack of turmoil in our lives. True peace is not just a feeling of tranquility, but an absolute certainty that we are not guilty, but forgiven. We are friends with God, His beloved children, safe in His hands. When we understand this, we have a peace that passes understanding.

If you need to be reconciled with God, accept Christ's death as atonement for your sins. If you have done this, instead of continually dwelling on your failures, meditate on the truth that God loved you so much that He sent His Son to die for you in the midst of your sin. Confess your sins as they arise, knowing that you are not only in a position of righteousness before God, but you are also still in process of becoming all that He intended you to be. The Holy Spirit is transforming your life as you yield to Him. Rejoice in this truth!