

Eight Blessings of Salvation. Sermon 1

Romans 5:1 - 5 *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

Chapter 5 is a continuation of chapter 4 where the Lord is talking about How we are to realize our promises from God through faith. In **Romans 4:13** we see these words, *"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."* The main thought here is for us as Christians and especially God's children, to trust God's promises to us through faith. Listen to **verses 20 – 21 in chapter 4**, *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; (21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."* Are we as Christians fully persuaded to believe God's promises. To walk in full faith of God's promises as God has promised? But, speaking of Abraham's faith God said this, **verses 22 - 24** *"And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. (23) Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; (24) But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"* This is God's promise not only to Abraham but also to us if we have the faith to believe God's promises. So what exactly does the word "imputed" mean, Vines bible reference it means, *"to reckon, take into account," or, metaphorically, "to put down to a person's account,"* This brings us to chapter 5 and our 8 benefits to salvation. Not just to Abraham or the Jews, but to all who believe in Jesus Christ and have faith in God to deliver them. *"Therefore being justified by faith..."* chapter 5:1

- A. We have Peace with God - *"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"* What sort of peace do we have?

1. A.H. Vines defines this peace as - a harmonized relationships between God and man, accomplished through the gospel – This peace makes God and man “fit together” as a Father and children would fit together.
2. There is no natural relationship between man and God, that peaceful relationship was broken by the sinfulness of Adam and Eve. **Genesis 3:14 - 18** *"And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: (15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (16) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. (17) And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; (18) Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;"*
3. God and man was not at peace anymore. Man had become an enemy of God because of this very sin our fore parents committed. **Romans 8:6 - 8** *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."* - The word “carnal minded” means to be fleshly minded, or a human nature or to be lost.
4. Man by nature has no peace with God at all, they cannot please God at all. God accepts nothing from them, ever! *"...they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*
5. Their future is to reside in the eternal flames of hell, never being able to escape. God hates them, they are vessels of dishonor to God. **Psalms 5:4 - 5** *"For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither*

- shall evil dwell with thee. (5) The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity."*
6. Jesus Christ delivers a bridge between God and man; He brings the lost sinner to a peace between The Holy God and sinful man through His blood. Only in Jesus God's own Christ.
 7. **2 Thessalonians 1:7 - 9** "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, (8) In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (9) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"
 8. **Romans 5:8 - 10** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." This is our peace that God has given to us through Jesus Christ.
 9. **Psalms 85:8 - 10** "*I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. (9) Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. (10) Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other." – **Albert Barnes said,** "As friends and lovers do; as they do who have been long separated; as they do who, after having been alienated and estranged, are made friends again."*
 10. **Spurgeon Said,** "The Lord whose just severity inflicted the smart, now in pity sends peace to bind up the wound. The people being now made willing to forsake their sins, and to follow after righteousness, find peace granted to them at once. "The war-drum throbbed no longer, and the battle-flags were furled;" for idolatry was forsaken, and Jehovah was adored."
 11. This is only possible through "...through our Lord Jesus Christ:" V. 1