

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP of Fairfield Glade

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"Security"

In chapter 3 of Romans, Christ was seen as our 'Mercy Seat'. In chapter 4 we see Him raised up for our 'justification'. In chapter 5 we see ourselves standing in a position of 'grace'—justified by faith and secure.

After teaching us about the faith of Abraham, Paul begins by introducing the doctrine of 'justification'.

We have defined and broken down 'justification' in its Biblical context as follows:

- Acquitted (pronounced "not guilty");
- Pardoned;
- Regarded as righteous;
- Declared righteous;
- Perceived as innocent;
- Accepted by God as righteous *and*
- 'Divinely' approved.

Justification is a gift—an immediate gift. It is intended to be received, not accomplished by good works or good deeds. (See Galatians 2:16, 21 & Galatians 3:10).

Justification is a perfect and an immediate gift—there are no degrees of justification as we are all equal in the eyes of God. Once justified, always justified. *Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."* (NKJ) It is a 'divine' gift—we depend upon God's faithfulness, not our faith. (*Gal. 2:20*).

Justification is a gift to be enjoyed. All we need to do is claim His promises and possess our possessions. We should be able to enjoy His peace and joy; rejoice in hope; rejoice in tribulation and rejoice in God, our Savior. (*John 17:13*) "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them." (*I Thess. 5:16*) "Be joyful always."

In this section of Romans we will learn of the security of the 'justified'. There are reasons that give us the assurance that imputed righteousness will continue

unimpaired to the very end. Our experience assures our security. (*Romans 5:1-2*) "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."

"We have peace with God." In relation to the past, when God justifies us through His Son, it covers the past and the future. In relationship to the present, "we have peace with God." This means that God has nothing against us—why? Because God has fully judged sin, upon Christ our substitute at Calvary. (*I Peter 2:24*) "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." God was so totally satisfied with Christ's sacrifice that He will eternally remain so: never taking up the judgment of our sin again. (*Romans 8:1*) "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

God is therefore at rest about us forever, however poor our understanding of Truth, or however weak our walk may be. (*See Revelation 1:5*).

God is looking at the blood of Christ and not our sins. All 'claims' against us were met when Christ made peace by the blood of His Cross. It is a **finished work!**

In relation to the future: (*Romans 5:2*) "Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." There is rejoicing in hope and hope relates to the future! "We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God"—that is, being glorified with Him when He comes—and forever! (*See verses: I Peter 4:12–14 and Romans 5:3–5*). These verses prove that righteousness will prevail to the end!

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God's never-changing love gives us this assurance. (*See 2 Corinthians 4:8, 9 & 2 Corinthians 6:3-10*). Righteousness will continue unimpaired to the very end and...God's love as shown in the gift of Christ, confirms our 'security'.

Application: God's love is seen in Christ's death for the ungodly.

- ✓ His death brought reconciliation (See verse 10).
- ✓ His life brings preservation (See verse 10).
- ✓ God Himself crowns our hopes and our security. (*Romans 5:11*) "*Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*"