

Peace and Hope in Christ
Romans: The Power of the Gospel
Passage: Romans 5:1-11
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- I. Justified People Have Peace with God (vv. 1-2).**

- II. Justified People Have Hope That Does Not Disappoint
- Even in Suffering (vv. 3-5).**

- III. Justified People Rest on a Love That Was Proven, Not
Promised (vv. 6-8).**

- IV. Justified People Have a Secured Future (vv. 9-11).**

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 5:1–2 aloud. Paul says justified believers have “peace with God” and “access” into grace in which we “stand.” What is the difference between peace with God and peace of mind? Why does Paul put peace with God first?
2. Verses 3–5 describe a chain: suffering → endurance → character → hope. Where have you seen this chain play out in your own life or in someone else's? Was it obvious at the time, or only in hindsight?
3. Paul says hope “does not put us to shame” because of God's love poured out by the Spirit (v. 5). How is this different from hope that is really just optimism or wishful thinking?
4. In verses 6–8, Paul describes us as “weak,” “ungodly,” “sinners,” and (v.10) “enemies.” Why do you think Paul is so unflattering here? How does this shape the way we understand God's love?
5. Paul uses a “much more” argument in verses 9–11: if God did the hardest part (dying for His enemies), how much more certain is it that He'll finish the easier part (keeping us to the end)? Where in your life do you need to apply this logic — trusting God's future faithfulness based on His past proof?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Is there an area of your life right now where you are living anxious or striving, as if the “war” with God were still ongoing, even though you've trusted Christ? What would it look like this week to “stand” in grace instead?
2. Who in your life needs to hear that God's love isn't conditional on them cleaning up first — that Christ died for the ungodly? How could you share that with them this week?

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