

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 5

Living with Hope

Romans 5:1-11

Romans 5:1-4 – The Benefits of Justification

What events, experiences, or topics tend to rob you of your Peace?

1. Peace – We think of peace as the absence of hostility. But, it is actually a word that is more positive. It is living in harmony with God.
2. Access to Grace – Paul is referring to our status with God. Therefore, we live in a constant state of grace.
3. Hope – Many believe that when we turn to God for salvation, that our lives will be easy. Instead, Paul warns that we will still suffer.
 - Perseverance – We think of this as a passive word, but Paul is using it as an active word similar to “overcome.”
 - Character – Developing a mindset to overcome suffering, builds up our Character. This is a quality that comes from being proved.
 - Hope - Our Hope in God is actually strengthened by going through suffering.

How can we be sure of God’s love for us?

Romans 5:5-8 – Hope Found in God’s Love

Two questions to ask.

Who are you willing to die for?

How can you prove your love?

God proved his love for us by sending his Son to die for us. He died for sinners, but that death changed our status from sinners to God’s child. (We were saved, now we are in the process of being saved through sanctification.)

How should that change how we live when we realize God’s sacrifice?

Romans 5:9-11 – Hope found in Reconciliation with God

Paul goes from discussing a judicial term of justification to a relational term in reconciliation.

Paul will use the term being saved as the final deliverance from death. Our salvation is not complete until we have put sin and death behind us. Being justified and reconciled to God are critical steps on the way to salvation.

Because reconciliation has been achieved, our salvation is guaranteed in the future.

Conclusion: The overall theme for this section is Hope. Hope for the present and then Hope for the future.