

“The Blessing Of Justification”
Romans 5:1-11
18/23
Message 10

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The Blessing Of Justification”

- **Illustration: What Makes You Shout & Cheer?**

- **Question - What Makes You...**

- Excited?
- Pumps you up?
- Gets you going?
- Makes you jump to your feet, throw your hands in the air & shout?

- **Now Some say...**

- “Oh, I’m just not that kind of a person.
 - I’m mellow, It’s fine to get excited & shout, but that’s just not me.”
- BUT Hold on –
 - What WOULD move you to jump up & shout?

- **Well For Some its Football**

- **Show Pics**

- These people are certainly excited about football
- Dedicated

- They show even show HOURS before the game and tail gate
- Even in the SNOW
- All For a football game

- **Argument to Exulting – Get Excited**

- **1st As we come to chapter 5**

- This is PAUL is SAYING
 - Let's get Excited
- Paul is...
 - Overwhelmed with Excitement
 - He on his feet pumping both hands & shouting!!!!
- WHY?!

- **2nd Paul has just Finished letting us know the BAD news – Review**

- **1st Paul has Informed us How BAD of SINNERS we are – (Romans 1-3)**
 - Paul Condemns
 - The Heathen (Romans 1)
 - Gave them up to
 - To Sexual Immorality
 - To Homosexuality
 - To a Debased Mind

- The Moralist (Romans 2)
 - “Good Ol Boys” / “Conservatives” (with Christ)
- The Religious Jews – Or “Religious Christians”
 - This who believe they are saved because of works
- Everyone (Romans 3:10-18)
 - Not wanting to miss anyone Paul lays out

Romans 3:10 (NKJV)

10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one;

- **2nd Paul Made the Transition in (Romans 3:21-4)**

- **BUT NOW –**

- Paul informs us that at the moment of salvation
- WE HAVE Been
- 1st Justified = Just As If I Never Sinned

▪ *MacDonald’ “When God justifies the believing sinner, He not only acquits him from guilt but clothes him in His own righteousness and thus makes him absolutely fit for heaven. “Justification goes beyond acquittal to approval; beyond pardon to promotion.” Acquittal means only that a person is set free from a charge. Justification means that positive righteousness is imputed.”*

- 2nd Redeemed
 - Purchased from the Slave market = Set Free

- 3rd Propitiation vs. Expiation
 - Expiation = Debt Satisfied
 - Propitiation = Emotions Satisfied = Awakens God's Love
- 4th Gave us Abraham and David as Examples (Romans 4)
 - That SALVATION comes by GRACE & Faith ALONE
 - Abraham was COUNTED as RIGHTEOUS
 - Before He had circumcision
 - Before he was perfect –
 - He still sinned after God said he was RIGHTEOUS
 - Salvation is by grace through faith, not by works or religion.
 - And NOW he announces the benefits of God's grace
- **3rd This is the Reason to JUMP and Shout for JOY**
 - NOTE the Word Exult
 - Now I know the KNJV does not use this word it uses GLORY
 - BUT the Word is used in the NASB95

Romans 5:2 (NASB 95)

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:3 (NASB 95)

3 And not only this, but we also **exult** in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

Romans 5:11 (NASB 95)

11 And not only this, but we also **exult** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

- The Word – Exult
 - Greek: καυχάομαι (kauchaomai)
 - Means: Boast, brag about, rejoice in, glory in (Ro 2:17; 5:2; 1Co 1:29; 13:3; 2Co 5:12; 12:1; Gal 6:13; Eph 2:9; Php 3:3; Jas 1:9; 4:16)
- This is at the center of WHY we gather several times a week
 - TO BOAST Brag and Rejoice in what God has done for us
 - I pray the church as a whole would be a dedicated to stand, shout and cheer as the world does it football teams
 - After ALL we have SO much more to cheer about
- **4th So this Morning Paul will give us 7 Blessings Of Justification**
 - Blessed With Peace With God's v. 1
 - Blessed With Access To God v. 2a
 - Blessed To Have A Glorious Hope v. 2b
 - Blessed In Tribulations vs. 3-4
 - Blessed In God's Love vs. 5-8
 - Blessed Because We Have Been Saved From Future Wrath vs. 9-10
 - Blessed In Reconciliation v. 11

Blessed With Peace With God v. 1

- **First: Therefore, having been justified by faith v. 1a**

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- **1st Therefore**

- Always ask why it is THEREFORE
- It is there in light of Romans 1-4

- **2nd Having Been Justified**

- Justified = Just As If I Never Sinned
- Justified by faith speaks of a legal decree.
- Again...
 - Romans 1:18-3:20 found us guilty before the court of God's law
 - God's glory
 - Our conscience
 - Then Paul explained
 - How because of what Jesus did, the righteousness of God is given to all who believe.
 - The guilty sentence is transformed into a sentence of justified, and justified by faith.

- **Second: Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ v. 1b**

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

○ **1st The Unserved Person is at WAR with God (Rom. 5:10; 8:7)**

▪ **He is condemned**

- Condemnation means that God declares one a sinner
- Which is a Declaration of WAR

Romans 5:10 (NKJV)

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 8:7 (NKJV)

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

▪ **Lesson – There is a WAR taking place**

- This is why there is SO MUCH struggle in our world
 - Unserved People are at WAR with God
 - Because They want to be gods
 - But there is only ONE God and they are NOT IT
- And we are in the Middle –
 - So expect Trouble

○ **2nd The Saved person is at PEACE with God**

▪ **1st – Two Types of PEACE**

- 1st The Peace that comes with Justification
 - **This is what is in our text**
 - Peace **WITH** God - We are justified

- Justification means that God declares us righteous
- Which is a declaration of peace –
- OUR War with God is OVER
- It's all made possible through Jesus
- The price is paid in full by the work of Jesus on the cross
- God's justice towards us is eternally satisfied.
- Jesus is our peace (Ephesians 2:14).
- 2nd Lesson – What this PEACE WITH God MEANS
 - Salvation
 - We lose our fear of death
 - We know where We are going
 - We have THE answers
 - To attacks & doubts & fears the devil brings
- 3rd The Peace that come From BEING Right with God
 - The Peace Of God
 - Now Can Rule in our hearts – NO matter what is going on

Philippians 4:6–7 (NKJV)

6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

7 *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

- Wuest; “Furthermore, there is a difference between having peace with God and having the peace of God in the heart. The first has to do with justification, the second with sanctification. The first is the result of a legal standing, the second, the result of the work of the Holy Spirit. The first is static, never fluctuates, the second changes from hour to hour. The first, every Christian has, the second, every Christian may have. The first, every Christian has as a result of justification.

Blessed With Access To God v. 2a

- **First: Access v. 2a**

Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- **1st Access Before Jesus**
 - For the Jews
 - The High Priest was the only who has had access to God
 - Once a year - Day of Atonement
 - Explain – Temple Worship – Curtain separated the people from the Holies of Holies
- **2nd Access With Jesus**
 - The Curtain that separated the holies of holies was torn in two From Top to bottom
 - When Jesus Died on the Cross
 - Signifying We NOW have access to GOD

- **What Does this Look like**

- 1st Permanent

- We HAVE - The verb is a “perfect” tense

- Perfect Verb Tense

- Is used to show an action that is complete and finished, or perfected.

- We obtained access in the past

- The results continue on into the present

- *Wuest; “We have access = The perfect verb tense of have access also indicates that this is a standing, permanent possession. Because our standing is based on grace, we really can stand and have peace, because we know that our access is a permanent possession. It cannot be taken away at a later time.”*

- *Clarke; “And this access to God, or introduction to the Divine presence, is to be considered a lasting privilege. We are not brought to God for the purpose of an interview, but to remain with him; to be his household; and by faith, to behold his face, and walk in the light of his countenance.”*

- 2nd BOLDNESS We have access to God

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NKJV)

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- We have favor with the King anytime

- **Second: We Stand**

Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- **1st We have a Standing in GRACE**

- God's unmerited favor.
- God – Riches - At - Christ's - Expense

- **2nd Lessons**

- **1st Standing in Grace means that**

- I don't have to prove I am worthy of God's love!
- God is my friend.
- The door of access is permanently open to Him.
- I am free from the - The Performance Treadmill
 - The account is settled in Jesus.
- I spend more time praising God and less time hating myself.

- **2nd Sadly - Many Christians BEGIN in grace – END in WORKS**

- They think THEY must go on to perfection and maturity
 - By dealing with God on the LAW
 - The ideas of earning and deserving.
 - Paul spoke against this very point in Galatians 3:2-3 and Galatians 5:1-4.

- *Guzik; “A standing in grace reassures us: God’s present attitude towards the believer in Christ Jesus is one of favor, seeing them in terms of joy, beauty, and pleasure. He doesn’t just love us; He likes us because we are in Jesus”*
- William Newell - The Proper Attitude of Man under Grace
 - To believe, and consent to be loved while unworthy, is the great secret.
 - To refuse to make “resolutions” and “vows”; for that is to trust in the flesh.
 - To expect to be blessed, though realizing more and more lack of worth.
 - To testify of God’s goodness, at all times.
 - To be certain of God’s future favor; yet to be ever more tender in conscience toward Him.
 - To rely on God’s chastening hand as a mark of His kindness.
 - A man under grace, if like Paul, has no burdens regarding himself; but many about others.
- **3rd It’s Permanent**
 - The Words – STAND
 - *Wuest; “The word “stand” also being perfect in tense. The hope here is that of participating in the glory of heaven.*
 - This refers to the permanent, secure position believers enjoy in God’s grace

- (Romans 5:10; 8:31–34; John 6:37; Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12; Jude 24)

Jude 24 (NKJV)

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Blessed To Have A Glorious Hope v. 2b

- **First: Rejoice in hope of the glory of God v. 2b**

Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- **1st Peace with God takes care of the PAST**
 - He will no longer hold our sins against us
- **2nd Access to God takes care of the PRESENT**
 - We can come to Him at any time
- **3rd A Glorious hope takes care of the FUTURE**
 - Rejoice – Greek: kauchaomai
 - Means - To glory; to glory on account of a thing; to glory in a thing
 - The verb is also a Present Tense!
 - We are currently and continually rejoicing
 - Means to actually boast
 - Hope = Absolute expectation of coming good
 - It's NOT I hope SO and may it happen
 - It's I Hope and it will happen

- That we are going to Heaven & we are going to see the Lord
- We HAVE A Glorious future

1 John 3:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Revelation 21:1–5 (NKJV)

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

Blessed In Tribulations vs. 3-4

• First: Glory in tribulations v. 3a

Romans 5:3 (NKJV)

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

○ 1st GLORY In Tribulations

- NASB95

Romans 5:3 (NASB95)

3 And not only this, but we also **exult** in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

- YES Exult – Glory –

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NKJV)

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- Our tendency is to run
 - From anything that begins to hint at being trouble.
 - We think of “tribulation” or “pressure” as being bad.

○ **2nd Tribulation –**

- Greek - Thlipsis –
- Means - A pressing, pressing together, pressure; oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress
- It is the word used
 - To describe the “Great Tribulation” coming on the earth before Jesus comes back (Mat. 24:21)
 - To describe the time of famine that made Jacob’s family go down to Egypt. (Acts 7:11)
 - To describe the first persecution the early church went through after Stephen was stoned (Acts 11:19)
 - To describe the difficult life that widows and orphans had. (James 1:27)

○ **3rd God has promises for us when we’re in “tribulation”:**

- Jesus promises us peace

John 16:33 (NKJV)

33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

- Tribulation cannot separate us from the love of Christ

Romans 8:35 (NKJV)

35 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

- God has comfort for us, and wants us to give comfort to others in it:

2 Corinthians 1:4 (NKJV)

4 *who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

• **Second: Knowing that tribulation produces perseverance v. 3b**

Romans 5:3 (NKJV)

3 *And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;*

○ **1st Perseverance**

- Greek - Hupomone
- Means - ("under" + "to remain") – steadfastness, constancy, endurance; in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings
- This word refers to endurance, the ability to remain under tremendous weight and pressure without succumbing
- (15:5; Col. 1:22, 23; 2 Thess. 1:4; Rev. 14:12).

○ **2nd Lesson**

- Two reasons we are still here
 - 1st - Is to experience the blessing of being used
 - Lead others to Christ - build up the Body of Christ
 - 2nd - To prepare us for eternity
 - That is what Paul is dealing with here when says
 - Glory in tribulations
 - In Tribulations = Prep for Heaven
- God uses tribulation wonderfully in our life.
 - *Illustration*
 - Like a athlete in training
 - The Training is prep for the game
 - Illustration
 - *Basketball coach in HS*
 - *Spurgeon; "A Christian man should be willing to be tried; he should be pleased to let his religion be put to the test. 'There,' says he, 'hammer away if you like.' Do you want to be carried to heaven on a feather bed?"*

• **Third: Perseverance, character; and character, hope v. 4**

Romans 5:4 (NKJV)

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

- **1st Perseverance = Character & Character = HOPE**
 - It's ALL ABOUT GROWTH

- Most every Christian want GROWTH & CHARACTER
- BUT These qualities ONLY spring out of perseverance
- Which comes through Tribulation.
- **2nd Lesson - Our Examples in Exulting in Tribulations are many**
 - Illustration
 - Joseph
 - Sold by Brothers
 - Prison
 - Abraham
 - Moses
 - David
 - Paul

Blessed In God's Love vs. 5-8

- **First: Now hope does not disappoint v. 5a**

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **1st DOES NOT DISAPPOINT**
 - The hope that tribulation Builds us UP
 - Is a HOPE that will be Disappointed!

- **Second: The love of God... poured out in our hearts v. 5b**

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

○ **1st God's love Has BEEN POURED OUT**

- It isn't given to us in a trickle
- It is poured out in our hearts.
- Some Christians live as if it was only a trickle but God wants us to know the outpouring of His love.
- Every Christian should have some experience of this, to have a deep inner awareness of God's love for us

• **Third: The Holy Spirit who was given to us v. 5c**

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

○ **1st Holy Spirit**

- Third Person of the Trinity
 - Given to us at the moment of conversion
 - Everyone who is a Christian has the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9)
 - MacDonald; "The Holy Spirit, given to us the moment we believe, floods our hearts with these expressions of God's eternal love, and by these we are assured that He will see us safely home to heaven. After you receive the Spirit, you will sense that God loves you. This is not a vague, mystical feeling that "Somebody up there" cares about humanity, but the deep-seated conviction that a personal God really loves you as an individual."
- BUT

- Not every Christian lives in the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
- Not every Christian walks in the Spirit (Romans 8:4-5)

• **Fourth: A Description of God's Love towards us vs. 6-8**

○ **1st When we were still without strength v. 6a**

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- Paul describes the greatness of God's love.
- It is love given to the undeserving, to those without strength, to the ungodly, to sinners.
- This emphasizes the fact that the reasons for God's love are found in Him, not in us.

○ **2nd In due time Christ died for the ungodly:**

Romans 5:6 (NKJV)

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- **God sent the Son at the right time, at the due time.**
 - When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son (Galatians 4:4).
 - The world was prepared spiritually, economically, linguistically, politically, philosophically and geographically for the coming of Jesus and the spread of the Gospel.
- **Christ died for the ungodly**
 - To genuinely say, "Jesus died for me" you must also say

- I have no strength to save myself.
- I am ungodly.
- I am a sinner
- Jesus died to save and transform these.
- **3rd For scarcely for a righteous man will one die v. 7**

Romans 5:7 (NKJV)

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

- A good man might die a death for the “right kind” of person
 - Such as a righteous man or a good man.
- But Jesus died for those who were neither righteous nor good
 - He died for people spitting in His face

- **4th But God demonstrates His own love v. 8**

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Paul is arguing from the lesser to the greater.
 - If God saved us when we were enemies
 - Surely - He will save us now that we are His children
 - How Much More will we experience His LOVE

Blessed Because We Have Been Saved From Future Wrath vs. 9-10

- **First: Much more then, having now been justified by His blood v. 9-10**

Romans 5:9–10 (NKJV)

9 *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

10 *For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

○ **1st Much more then, having now been justified by His blood**

- If we are justified by the work of Jesus
- It is the Blood of Jesus
- His DEATH BURIAL RESURRECTION

○ **2nd From His WRATH**

- God's Righteous Wrath (Romans 1:18)
- God will JUDGE!
- BUT we who are IN CHRIST – have been saved from the JUDGMENT (Wrath)

Blessed In Reconciliation v. 11

• **So REJOICE v. 11**

Romans 5:11 (NKJV)

11 *And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

- We have been brought back into fellowship
- So Rejoice

Closing

- Illustration – The Love of God

- A certain medieval monk announced he would be preaching next Sunday evening on “The Love of God.”
- As the shadows fell and the light ceased to come in through the cathedral windows
- The congregation gathered.
- In the darkness of the altar, the monk lighted a candle and carried it to the crucifix.
- First of all, he illumined the crown of thorns
- Next, the two wounded hands
- Then the marks of the spear wound
- Then His Feet
- In the hush that fell, he blew out the candle and left.
- There was nothing else to say.
- Let’s Get More Excited about Jesus
- Keep Focused – How long after death will you be remembered