

Peace With God Through Jesus

Lesson 4

November 3

Romans 5:1-6:11;

Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)



Why do we even need to be worried about having peace with God? Because his righteous wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (1:18). We sin and fall short of his glory (3:23). The relationship we were created for is severed by our sins. But did you hear the news in **Romans 5:1**? Peace with God is available through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember how Jesus was described in **Romans 3:25**:

...whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Why would God do such a thing for sinners? **Romans 5:6-8** provides the answer:

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

And when Jesus served as that propitiation—that atoning sacrifice for our sins—what happened? What is made available to us?

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (5:2)

We can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ! Now here's a critically important point that Paul wants to be crystal clear on: if Jesus is my Lord, what about sin? If God is willing to show me such amazing grace, does that mean I can still do whatever I want, even if it's sinful? Listen carefully:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? (6:1-2)

Okay, we can't keep living in sin, but all of this leads to a really important question: how can I die to sin? Paul has talked with us a lot about faith (1:17; 3:22, 25-28; 4:11-12; 5:1-2). Is there anything I need to do?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

(6:3-4)

It's the same message Paul preached to the churches in Galatia (**Gal 3:26-29**). Sin enslaves us, but redemption is available through the atoning sacrifice provided by God (**Rom 6:5-6**). In Christ Jesus, we can die to sin and God can raise us to newness of life (6:11). Let's talk about it...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- “Peace with God” (5:1). In your own words, what is that? Why is it such a blessing?
- What disrupted our “peace with God”? According to **Romans 5:6-10**, what impact did that disruption have on us?
- But who has been provided as the answer to the enormous problem we’ve made? How would you rephrase **Romans 5:2** in your own words?
- Let’s read **Romans 5:3-5** together. Why do you think Paul brings up “sufferings” at this point in his letter? Can something good actually come from “sufferings”? If so, what? How?
- In **Romans 5:11**, Paul uses the word “reconciliation.” What does that word mean? How does it relate to what Jesus has done for us?
- Let’s read **Romans 5:12-14** together. What is Paul describing? And once again, who is the answer? How would you rephrase **5:20-21** in your own words?
- Why would anyone think they could do what Paul is warning us against in **6:1**?
- Why do you think Paul responds as sharply as he does in **6:2**?
- “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (**6:11**). What does this mean? Why is it important? What is it going to look like if I live the way this verse is calling me to live this week?