## The Book of Romans

- I. Paul's Introduction to his Letter (1:1-17)
- II. Paul *Declares* Man's <u>Need</u> for God's <u>Salvation</u> and <u>Righteousness</u> (1:18-3:20)

## III. Paul *Delivers* his Gospel Message of <u>Righteousness</u> by <u>Faith</u> *in* Messiah (3:21-5:21)

B. He Defends his Message of <u>Righteousness</u> by <u>Faith</u> (4:1-25)

C. He *Describes* the <u>Blessings</u> received from our <u>Faith</u> in Messiah (5:1-21)

{Part 1}

- 1. The <u>Blessings</u> of a <u>Reconciled</u> *Relationship* with **God** (5:1-11)
  - a. *Being* Justified by Faith *in* Messiah (5:1-2)

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus the Messiah,

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

b. *Being* <u>Joyful</u>, even in times of <u>Tribulation</u> (5:3-8)

<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but we also <u>exult</u> in our <u>tribulations</u>, knowing that *tribulation* brings about *perseverance*;
<sup>4</sup> and *perseverance*, *proven character*; and *proven character, hope*;

<sup>5</sup> and *hope* does <u>not</u> disappoint, because the <u>love of God</u> has been poured out within our hearts through the *Holy Spirit* who was given to us.

A. He *Declares* that **Righteousness** is *through* <u>Faith</u> in <u>Jesus the Messiah</u> (3:21-31)

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still **helpless**, at the **right time Messiah** <u>died</u> for the *ungodly*.

<sup>7</sup> For **one** will **hardly** <u>die</u> for a **righteous man**; though perhaps for the **good man** someone would dare even to <u>die</u>.

<sup>8</sup> But God <u>demonstrates</u> His own <u>love</u> toward us, in that while we were yet *sinners*, Messiah <u>died</u> for us.

c. *Being* Reconciled to God by Faith in Messiah (5:9-11)

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be <u>saved</u> from the wrath of God through Him.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were <u>reconciled</u> to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been <u>reconciled</u>, we shall be <u>saved</u> by His life.

<sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also <u>exult</u> in God through our Lord Jesus the Messiah, through whom we have now received the <u>reconciliation</u>.

## Personal Application Our <u>Blessings</u> Summarized (Pt. 1)

- 1. As *believers*, *we* have been <u>justified</u> (declared *righteous*) before God through <u>faith</u> in Jesus the Messiah (5:1a)
- Having been justified, we no longer are in a hostile relationship with God because of our transgressions and sins. We now have "peace with God" through the redemptive sacrifice of our Jesus our Messiah (5:1b, 3:24).
- As *believers, we* have also "gained access" into the realm of "grace" (God's unmerited <u>favor</u>), and can rejoice in *hope* of the "glory of God." (5:2)

"...and if (*we are*) children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Messiah, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be <u>glorified</u> with *Him*.

For I consider that the **sufferings** of this **present time** are **not worthy** to be compared with the **glory** that is to be **revealed to us**.

For the anxious longing of the **creation** waits **eagerly** for the *revealing* of the **sons of God**.

...in <u>hope</u> that the **creation itself** also will be **set free** from its *slavery* to corruption into the **freedom** of the <u>glory</u> of the <u>children of God</u>. (Romans 8:17-21)

- As *believers*, because *we* have <u>hope</u>, we can even *rejoice* in <u>suffering</u> and <u>difficulties</u>, knowing that as we <u>persevere</u> in trials, our character is "proven" through the *experience*, and we remain steadfast in <u>hope</u> (5:4-5).
- 5. Tonight Paul declared that his <u>hope</u> would *never* be a source of shame or "disappointment," because God's indwelling <u>Spirit</u> has "poured" into his heart the *personal* knowledge of God's great <u>love</u> for him, and for *us* as well (5:5). Knowing God's love for *us* assures us of a glorious future <u>hope</u>.

**God's great** <u>love</u> was **fully** <u>demonstrated</u> when, while we were still *helpless* and *sinners*, **Messiah came** and *gave* <u>His life</u> as a <u>sacrifice</u> for <u>our sins</u>. Because of this *we* have been **justified**, and **saved** from the wrath of God *through* Him (5:6-9).

As *believers*, even though *we* were once enemies of God (Eph. 2:3), *we* have now been <u>reconciled</u> to Him through the <u>death</u> of His Son (5:10). Also, since Jesus was "<u>raised</u> because of our justification" (4:25b), He is;

"...able also to <u>save forever</u> those who draw near to God *through* Him , since **He always** <u>lives</u> to make <u>intercession</u> for them (Hebrews 7:25)."

7. Like **Rabbi Paul**, *we too* should take time to <u>rejoice</u> each day, that as **sinners**, *we* have been *justified*, *saved*, and *reconciled* to a **God** who is **perfectly** *holy*, *righteous*, and *just* (5:11).

## **Closing Comments**

- a. Receiving Justification by Faith in Messiah (5:1-2)
  - 1) By whom we have "peace" with God (5:1)
  - 2) By whom we receive a new *standing* in "grace" (5:2a)
  - 3) By whom we rejoice "in hope of the glory of God" (5:2b)
- b. Rejoicing, even in times of Tribulation (5:3-8)
  - 1) knowing that tribulation produces **perseverance** (5:3)
  - 2) knowing that perseverance "proves" character (5:4a)
  - 3) knowing that "proven" character manifests **hope** (5:4b-5)
  - 4) hope that is "assured" to us by the love of God (5:4-8)
    - a) a love that is "poured" into our hearts through God's indwelling Spirit (5:5b)
    - b) a love that was demonstrated by Messiah's death for the ungodly (5:6-8)
- c. Reconciled to God through Faith in Messiah (5:9-11)
  - 1) Who justified us through His blood (5:9a)
  - 2) Who saved us from the wrath of God (5:9b)
  - 3) Who reconciled us to God (5:10-11)
    - a) reconciling us through His death (5:10a)
    - b) "saving" us now by His life (5:10b)
    - c) filling us with joyful hearts to God (5:11)
  - 4) Who saves us "eternally" by His life (5:10b)
  - 5) Through Whom we now rejoice in God (5:11)