

Romans 5:1-11

Just in the nick of time...

V1-2: We are justified by _____!

We have _____ with God through our Lord _____.

How did we gain access to this kind of peace? By our _____!

What did our faith give us access to? _____! (unmerited, undeserved forgiveness). This allows us to truly _____ in the _____ of the glory of God!

Look at phrase right after the word “grace” in verse 2. It says, “in which we now stand”. The grace that God gives us through our faith in his son Jesus, allows us to stand! That is awesome to think about. Followers of Jesus do not grovel before the world we “stand firm.”

V3-5: Then Paul seems to take a detour in the next three verses: He says we “also” rejoice in our

_____. It’s easy to understand why we would rejoice in the grace we have been given, and the glory we will receive because of our faith in Jesus, but why would we rejoice in suffering? Well there are many reasons why people suffer. We will not look at all of them right now. We will only focus on one Paul deals with in this passage. A Christian who is going through suffering is drawn closer to and becomes more like _____.

Paul puts it into a challenging sequence. He says suffering produces :

#1 perseverance

#2 perseverance produces character

#3 and character produces hope

Ultimately the character of Christ is reproduced in us and that give us the hope that we stand in no matter what happens in our life. It constantly drives us back to Christ.

How powerful is the hope we possess? Verse 5 ends by saying God _____

out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The word picture here is that God lavishes us with his love holding nothing back until we are completely filled up.

In verses 6-11 Paul uses a wonderful word picture to describe this undeserved love in an even more intimate way. He tells us basically that when we were helpless sinners and enemies of God who deserved the full punishment and wrath of God; “just in the nick of time “Jesus the Son of God died to take our punishment and saved us. He even makes it more amazing. He rightly points out that some people may die for a good person that loves them, but how many people would die for a person who was your avowed enemy? Someone who hated you. That is exactly what God did. He sent Jesus to die for us when we were still his enemy! How cool is that! Wait it gets even better! Not only were we saved from the wrath of God , we were _____ to God! That means we are brought into the sweetest love relationship that could possibly be imagined. We were not just saved, forgiven and brought out of the path of God’s wrath to meekly sit on the edge of his acceptance. We were brought into his family as one of his precious children with all the love privileges that only a child can receive from a parent who loves them! It is as if we never did anything wrong , and when God looks at us he only sees his “delightful child” not a person he has forgiven but just tolerates. Why would you want to be any place else except in the presence of someone who love you more than anyone else in the entire world?

Answers: faith, peace, Jesus Christ, faith, Grace, rejoice, hope, sufferings, Christ, poured, reconciled