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ROMANS 5:1-2 CHAPTER 5

## The Hope of the Gospel

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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.

READ | ROMANS 5:1-2

THINK ABOUT

Paul now writes in a more pastoral tone as he begins this new section on “The Hope of the Gospel.” “Therefore” is clearly referring to the earlier chapters.

Peace with God is one of the great benefits of justification by faith. This peace with God is a present possession based on a past event. It comes “through our Lord Jesus Christ” (v. 1). See Ephesians 2:13-17.

Once we were God’s “enemies” (v. 10) but now we are reconciled. Another benefit of our justification is that we have free “access” to God (v. 2).

This understanding of the hope of the Gospel leads to joy!

APPLY

Everyone is looking for peace.

Followers of Christ have access to God as well as a supernatural joy and hope.

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ASK

What is this peace with God? How is it obtained?

Are you a person of peace? With yourself? With God? With others? Why do we find it so difficult to have this peace?

Is peace *with* God different from the peace *of* God (Philippians 4:7)?

What is this access we have by faith?

How can we experience this joy about which Paul writes?

PRAY

*Praise God that through faith in Jesus Christ we have peace with God.*

*Pray that you will be a peacemaker in all your relationships.*

*Thank God for the access you have to Him “by faith into this grace in which you stand.”*



SING

“Jesus, Hope of the Nations” — *Doerksen*

