

## Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-2 Rejoicing in Hope

**Declared right with God through Christ you have present peace, access and standing with God and confidence for a more glorious future.**

### 1) Past: we have been justified

- a) Forensic Justification: Court room: guilty/not-guilty; righteous
- b) Out of Faith/Faithfulness—believing in the faithfulness of Christ
- c) Martin Luther *Simul iustus et peccator*
- d) **Application:** Assurance

### 2) Present: we have peace/access/standing with God

- a) Peace: Shalom; “peace with God”
  - i) Isaiah 32:17 “The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quiet and trust forever.”
  - ii) “through our Lord Jesus Christ”— present work of Christ to mediate peace
- b) Access: “through whom we have obtained access”
  - i) “through whom”—through Christ we are “escorted into the royal audience-chamber of God” (Fitzmeyer); quite the opposite of enmity and alienation
  - ii) “by faith”
- c) Standing: “into this grace in which we stand”
  - i) a known place to stand
  - ii) a firm place to stand
  - iii) a safe place to stand
- d) **Application:** Christian Living
  - i) Peace with God means war with sin/evil.
  - ii) Access to God means acceptance, information, and supply.
  - iii) Standing in grace means clarity, confidence, and security.

### 3) Future: we boast in hope of the glory of God

- a) Boast: “we rejoice”
  - i) contrast 3:27-31
  - ii) chastened boasting; not in self, but in God; “I can’t get over the fact that He chose me.”
- b) Hope—“We project ourselves into the future in hope.” (Murray)
  - i) “Faith in future grace” (John Piper)
  - ii) Hope appropriates the future for the present.
- c) Glory of God
  - i) Sharing in God’s Glory by Conformity to Christ:
    - (1) “predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers” (8:29)
    - (2) Moral/Relational Conformity: “just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (6:4)
    - (3) Bodily Conformity: “He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (8:11)

ii) Beholding God's Glory in the Face of Christ:

(1) "to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen" (16:27; very last words of Romans)

(2) 1 John 3:2 "we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is"

iii) Boasting of God's Glory:

(1) "live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (15:5-6)

(2) "welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (15:7)

(3) "that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy" (15:8ff.)

d) **Application:**

i) Boasting while we groan. Already/Not Yet

ii) The chief end of man.

iii) Knowing the promises of God.

**Doxology:** To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16:27)