



# THE GIFT

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## A Peek Inside the Package • Romans 5:1-2

### MESSAGE NOTES

#### 1. You are in a place of peace.

- Peace that is restorative
- Peace that is relational

#### 2. You are in a place of acceptance.

- Based on Who you know, not what you do
- Based on His generosity not your goodness
- Brings favor not blame, guilt, or judgment

#### 3. You are in a place of hope.

- Heart-lifting
- Godward-looking

Enjoy peace, stand in grace, move forward in hope.

Make peace, extend grace, offer hope.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 5:1-8

What characteristics of God does this passage talk about?

Verse 1 says “we have peace with God.” Verse 10 explains why we need this – “we were enemies” of God. If you have received the gift of Christ’s righteousness by faith, you are no longer God’s enemy. You are at peace with Him. What do you think about this? What does this truth do for you? How does it affect your view of God and your relationship with Him?

Verse 2 says “we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand.” In the message, Pastor Dean emphasized that this is a place of acceptance. Look at your notes and state the three descriptions of this acceptance. How do these encourage you? How do they help you? How do they affect your view of God and your relationship with Him? What are some ways that you naturally think that are not in alignment with these truths? How should the fact that God accepts you this way affect how you view yourself? What about when you’re struggling or failing in some way? What about when you’re successful and keeping it all together?

Verse 2 also tells us we “rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” What are some situations in which we need hope? How can hope make the difference in these situations? How would you describe biblical hope? Who do you know that needs hope and how can you help them have it?

At the end of the message we were encouraged to make peace, extend grace, and offer hope. What are some ways we can do each of these this week? At home? At school? At work? In our community?