

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 5

SINGING: 408:1-3 – 317:1-4 – 355:1 - – 280:1-4

Go in peace (Mark 5:34b; Luke 7:50b)

THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY

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I. IT IS A PRESENT SECURITY

A. The power of God's Word's is often in the *small* words

1. Note the 'now' in Rom. 5:9, 11; 7:6; 8:1

2. What was before the **now**? (Rom. 5:12,16; Gal. 3:10)

B. Yet all believers are **now** *justified from all guilt through Christ's blood*

1. '**justified**' means to be *declared and to be treated as innocent*

2. '**through Christ's blood**' is only *ground – basis* how this is possible

II. IT IS A FUTURE SECURITY

A. Redemptive work of Christ goes further than destructive work of Adam

1. Rom. 5:20 *But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound*

2. Jesus' blood *canceled the debt of guilt all elect owed: **justified***

a. How are you righteous before God?

*Only by God, Who without any merit of us, out of mere grace grants and imputes all Christ's perfect obedience to me and in light of that **considers me as if I never had had nor committed any sin** (Means I am considered guiltless) (Lord's Day 23)*

3. But God's grace in Jesus Christ did **much more abound**

a. God's grace in Christ did not *merely restore sinners to pre-sin state*

b. How are you righteous before God?

*Only by God's grace, Who not only consider me as guiltless but also **as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me.** (Lord's Day 23)*

● Matthew Henry: *The grace of the Gospel is a full discharge from the curse of the law. A believer shall not only lie under condemnation eternally, but shall not come into condemnation now, not come into the anger of it, not come into judgment, not be as much as arraigned.*

B. Those who are in or united to Christ need not fear: Rom. 5:9b-10b

*Verily, verily I say ... He that heareth my Word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, **and shall not come into condemnation.** (John 5:24; Romans 8:1)*

FINALLY: Heed Jesus' word to all who believe in Him: *go in peace!*

A. Be in prayer that God enables you to be filled with joy and peace *in believing Him and His many testamentary promises (Romans 15:13)*

B. Be in prayer that God frighten your soul as you ponder Jesus deep suffering and utter forsakenness: *For if they do these things in green tree, what shall be done in the dry? (Luke 23:31)*