

***“This Grace Wherein We Stand”***  
***Romans 4:23 - 5:2***

**Introduction:**

1. Let’s Turn Back In Our Bibles This Morning:
  - To Romans 4 - Where The Apostle Paul:
    - Has Been Explaining To Us:
      - What It Means In Genesis 15:6:
        - When We Are Told That - “Abraham Believed In The Lord; And He Counted It To Him For Righteousness!”
  - Nearly All Of Chapter 4 Is An Exposition Of That One Verse:
    - To Show To Us:
      - How **Anyone** Can Be Justified By God:
        - And Have A Right Relationship With Him:
          - Not Just Abraham!
            - Through Faith Alone!
2. And That Is Why:
  - In The Final Verses Of Romans 4:
    - Paul Wrote:
      - 4:23-24 - “Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; / But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead!”
  - You See - The Scriptures:
    - Were Never Meant:
      - To Be Just A Memorial:
        - For The Dead – But:
          - A Model & A Map:
            - For The Living!
    - **IE:** Maps Have Long-Been Useful Tools For Those Who Travel! And Even Though Maps Have Become More Precise And Sophisticated Over Time - Through The Use Of Satellites And Other Technology - Imagine What It Must Have Been Like To Create A Map Based On Your Own Observations! Some Of The Earliest Maps - Even Of Our Own Country - Look Nothing Like Our Country!
      - But The Purpose Of Every Map Ever Created - Was Not Just To Help The Creator Of The Map - But To Help Those Who Would Come Behind Him!
        - And - So It Is With The Bible!
3. We Find This Truth:
  - In Other Passages - Such As:
    - Romans 15:4 - Which Says:
      - “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope!”
  - So - What We’ve Learned About Abraham:
    - And His Faith:
      - Is A Map:
        - To Show Us The Way To God!
    - And - Even Though - Over Time:
      - The Shape Of The Map Has Become Clearer And More Precise - Yet:
        - As Charles Hodge Once Wrote:
          - “That [Abraham] Was Justified By Faith, Is Recorded In The Scriptures to Be A Perpetual Testimony As To The True Method Of Justification Before God!”
4. Like Abraham:
  - We Must - 4:24:
    - “Believe On Him That Raised Up Our Lord Jesus From The Dead!”
  - We Must Believe:
    - As Abraham Did:
      - With Simplicity & Sincerity:
        - In The One Who Promised - God!
          - And - In The Promised One:
            - “Our Lord Jesus!”
  - Because - **When** You Believe:

- And - **As Soon As** You Believe:
  - You Are Saved & Forever Justified:
    - By God - Because Of:
      - His Grace!

5. And - In The Next Three Verses:

- Beginning With 4:25 - We Discover:
  - Four Truths About Our Justification:
    - 4:25 - 5:2 - “Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. / Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: / By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God!”
  - Here - The Apostle Paul:
    - Is Talking Primarily **To** Believers!
      - **To** Those Who Can Say With Him:
        - “**Our** Lord Jesus!”
          - So, If You Are Trusting In Jesus Today:
            - Then These Four Truths Are For You!
  - These Four Truths:
    - Reveal To You The “Grace Wherein [You] Stand!”

\* The First Truth Is - You Stand In:

**1. The Grace Of Atonement By The Lord!**

- 4:25 - “Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification!”
  - You Must Never Forget:
    - What It Took For You:
      - To Be Justified By God!
  - Even Though You Are Justified:
    - “Freely By His Grace” - Through Faith!
  - Yet - That Faith Is In:
    - The Great Price - Of “The Redemption That Is In Christ Jesus!” (3:24)
  - And That Is Brought Out For Us:
    - Once Again:
      - In This Verse!
- Remember Why:
  - Jesus Died!
    - It Was For “Our Offenses!”
      - It Was For - **Your** Offenses!
  - As Jesus Was:
    - Arrested In The Garden Of Gethsemane:
      - And Tried Before The Sanhedron:
        - Then Mocked By The Jews:
          - And Tortured By The Roman Soldiers:
            - Even To The Point Of Being Nailed To The Cross!
  - Jesus Went Through It All Willingly!
    - Even As It Was Prophesied In:
      - Isaiah 53:7 - “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth!”
  - Though Jesus Was:
    - “Delivered” To Death:
      - By The Hands Of Man:
        - Yet - It Was All Done According To:
          - The Plan Of God!
  - So - Since Jesus Loved You:
    - He “Gave Himself” For You! (Galatians 2:20)
      - To Provide All That Was Necessary:
        - For Your Offenses!
    - Even As We Are Told In:

- Isaiah 53:5 - "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed!"

- Never Forget:

- Why Jesus Died! Never Forget:

- "It was for me He cried, for me He died,  
For me He shed His blood upon a tree.  
It was for me He came, for me His shame;  
For me, oh praise His name, it was for me!"  
- But You Also Need To:

- Remember Why:

- Jesus Lives!

- It Is For "Our Justification!

- It Is For - **Your** Justification!

- The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ:

- Remains The Central & Cardinal Doctrine:

- Of Our Christian Faith!

- Even As Paul Tells Is In 1 Corinthians 15:17:

- "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins!"

- Now - Even Though:

- At The Resurrection Of Jesus:

- All Three Members Of The Trinity:

- Were Actively & Intimately Involved - Yet - It Is Especially Attributed:  
- To God The Father - As The One Who "Raised Him From The Dead!"

- This Reveals To Us:

- That God The Father Was Completely Satisfied:

- With The Sacrifice Made By Jesus:

- On The Cross!

- Even As It Was Prophesied In Isaiah 53:11 - "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many!"

- God The Father:

- Sent His Only Begotten Son:

- To Provide All That Was Necessary:

- For Your Atonement!

- And It Is By Faith Alone In:

- The Death And Resurrection:

- Of Jesus - That You Now Stand Before God:

- Justified!

- You Have Received A Full Atonement:

- For Your Sins & Your Offenses:

- Against God!

- This Is The "Grace Wherein You Stand!"

\* And This Leads To A Second Truth - And That Is - You Also Stand In:

## 2. ***The Grace Of Accord With The Lord!***

- 5:1 - "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

- Now - Even Though This Verse Begins A New Section:

- In The Book Of Romans:

- It Is Closely Connected With Chapter Four!

- Because It Connects The Results Of Your Justification With The Reason For Your Justification!

- So - Paul Begins This New Chapter With These Words:

- "Therefore Being Justified By Faith!"

- "Being Justified" - Which Is Translated From Just One Word In Greek - Is An Amazing Truth:

- For Those Who Are Christians!

- Because:

- “Being Justified” Is:
  - A Definitive Thing!
    - It Is Something That Takes Place:
      - The Moment You Believe In Jesus Christ As Your Lord & Savior!
  - It’s Something That:
    - Can Never Be Taken Back!
      - **IE:** Like The Double-Jeopardy Laws That We Have - You Cannot Be Convicted Of A Crime To Which You’ve Already Been Tried And Acquitted!
  - Since Jesus Paid The Penalty For Your Sin:
    - And - For **All** Of Your Sin - **In Full:**
      - There Is No More Price To Be Paid!
- “Being Justified” Is Also:
  - A Declarative Thing!
    - It Is Something That God Declares About You!
      - When You Believe In Jesus, God Looks At You Through The Righteousness Of His Own Son:
        - And Pronounces You “Justified!”
    - William Newell - “The Moment You Believed, God Declared You Righteous, Never To Change His Mind!”
  - But - “Being Justified” Is Also:
    - A Degreeless Thing!
      - There Are No Degrees To Justification With God!
    - **IE:** Just Like There Are No “Degrees” In Court - When The Verdict Is Read - You Are Either “Guilty” Or “Not Guilty!” There May Be Degrees Of Charges (First / Second / Third Degree Murder) Or Consequences (5 / 10 / 20 Years / Life) - But There Are No Degrees When It Comes To The Actual Verdict!
      - And So It Is For You, Christian!
        - When You Believe In Jesus, You Are As Justified As Any Other Believer! From Abraham To Peter To Paul To All The Other Heros Of Faith! You Are Equally Justified By God & Before God!
  - And This “Justification” Includes With It:
    - 5:1 - “Peace With God!”
      - When You Are Justified By God:
        - It Means That God **Has Nothing More:**
          - Against You! And:
            - God Will **Hold Nothing More** Against You!
      - 5:1 - “We Have Peace With God!”
        - This Means That There Has Been:
    - An Eternal Removal:
      - Of God’s Judgment & Wrath:
        - Upon You And Your Sin!
          - Remember The Great Wrath Of God That Was Described For Us In Chapter 2?
            - 2:18 - “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness!”
        - Well - When You Turned To & Trusted In Jesus:
          - As We Will Sing Later:
            - “The Wrath Of God Was Satisfied!”
              - Completely!
          - And Now, You Have Peace With God:
            - Because God:
              - Is At Peace With You!
          - This Also Means That There Has Been:
        - An Eternal Restoration:
          - Of God’s Favor & Grace:
            - Upon You!
          - The Peace You Now Have With God:
            - Is Not The Kind Of Peace:
              - You Might Have:

- As Former Adversaries!
  - Sort Of A “Wary” Peace! “Trust But Verify!” (Reagan)
- Nor Is It The Kind Of Peace:
  - You Might Have:
    - As Allies!
      - A Peace That Will Only Last If It Remains In Your Best Interest! (WW2)
- No - The Peace You Now Have With God:
  - Is The Kind Of Peace:
    - Between Friends!
      - As Abraham Was Called “The Friend Of God” - So Now Are You! (James 2:23)
  - And So - This Peace Is Also:
- An Eternal Reconciliation:
  - Through “The Lord Jesus Christ!” (5:1)
    - Who - According To Ephesians 2:14:
      - “*Is* Our Peace!”
  - Even When Jesus Was Born Into This World:
    - The Angel Proclaimed To The Shepherds:
      - “Peace On Earth!” - Which Meant That:
        - Peace Itself Had Arrived In The World!
    - **IE:** Even Though Today - Crowds Shout Out The Slogan - “No Justice – No Peace” - There’s More Truth To That Slogan Than They Realize! But The Justice & The Peace That They Are Looking For & Long For - Can Only Be Found In And Through The “Prince Of Peace!”
      - Because - Only In Jesus - “Mercy and truth are met together!
      - And - Only In Jesus - “Righteousness and peace have kissed each other!” (Psalm 85:10)
  - Never Forget This Great Truth!
    - 5:1 - “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!”
      - This Is The “Grace Wherein You Stand!”
        - You Have Peace With God:
          - Because God Is At Peace With You!

\* And This Peace Comes Through A Third Truth - And That Is - You Also Stand In:

### 3. ***The Grace Of Admission To The Lord!***

- 5:2a - “By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand!”
  - **IE:** When You ***Could*** Still Attend Sporting Events - The Price Of Admission Was Always In The Form Of A Ticket! You Could Buy The Ticket In Different Ways - Online - Over The Phone - At The Box Office - Or Even On The Street, From A Scalper! No Matter How You Get Your Ticket - Once You Have It - If It’s A Legitimate Ticket - You Will Be Let In To Watch The Event!
    - But Admission And Access To Heaven Is Entirely Different! There Is Nothing You Can Do & Nothing You Can Buy To Obtain Access!
      - Instead - You Have To Be Brought Into Heaven - By Someone Who Already Has Access - By Someone Who Is There & Belongs There Already!
        - This Is What “Access” Means Here! And Yet - We See:
  - The Door Of Access:
    - Is Still The Lord Jesus Christ!
      - “By Whom” – “We Have Access!”
        - Teams Sell Tickets:
          - Because They Want:
            - Your Payment!
        - God Sent Jesus:
          - Because He Wants:
            - Your Person / Soul!
      - **IE:** Remember In The Book Of Esther - When Esther Appeared Before Her Husband, The Great King Ahasuerus - Likely - King Xerxes Of The Persian Empire - How Was She Granted Access? When The King Lowered His Golden Sceptre!
        - This Is What Jesus Is To Us!
          - The Golden Scepter Of Access And Admission Into The Presence & The Favor Of God!

- Since We Could Not & Would Not Go To God Ourselves:
  - God Held Out To Us The Scepter Of His Son - So That "**He** Might Bring Us To God!"
- And - How Do We Gain This "Access?"
  - The Same Way Esther Did!
    - In Esther 5:2 - We Are Told - "And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre!"
  - We Receive Access To God:
    - Through The Touch Of Faith:
      - Laying Hold On All Jesus **Is** & All Jesus **Said** & All Jesus **Did**:
        - For Us!
  - And By Faith Alone - We Are Given:
- The Destination Of Access:
  - 5:2 - "Into This Grace Wherein We Stand!"
    - When You Touch The Scepter Of Jesus:
      - All Of The Blessings & Benefits:
        - Of The Gospel Come Flooding Into Your Soul:
          - There To Abide Forever!
  - God Now Thinks Of You & Treats You:
    - As His Own Child!
      - **IE**: There's A Big Difference In How The President's Son Gets To See His Father & How You & I Would Be Able To Have Access To The President!
- And - So It Is:
  - With Our Access & Admission:
    - Before The God Of Heaven!
      - It Is An Admission Into His Grace!
        - An Abundant & An Abiding Grace!
  - This Is The "Grace Wherein You Stand!"
    - You Now Stand Before God:
      - Entirely "Accepted In The Beloved!"
  - Even As Paul Wrote:
    - In Ephesians 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ!"
  - And - With Access To God:
    - We Have Access To Heaven Itself!

\* Which Is:

**4. The Grace Of Assurance From The Lord!**

- 5:2b - "And rejoice in hope of the glory of God!"
  - This Is Another Result:
    - Of Our Justification!
  - An Inner Exultation!
    - A "Rejoicing" And A "Glorying" That:
      - Is Set "On Things Above, [And] Not On Things On The Earth!"
        - The Word Translated "Rejoice" Here Is Often Used For:
          - Boasting & Bragging About Something!
    - But Here - It Is Used:
      - For Boasting:
        - Not In **Who We** Are Or **What We** Do:
          - But In **Who God** Is & In **What God** Has Promised:
            - To Those Who Believe!
    - We Boast & Rejoice:
      - "In Hope!"
        - We Boast & Rejoice:
          - In The Promises & The Provisions Of God To Us:
            - Because They Are Sure!

- And This “Exultation” Is Something:
  - That Can & Should Last Us:
    - Our Whole Lives - As We Will See:
      - In 5:3!
  - But - This Inner **Exultation**:
    - Is Based On:
- In Infinite **Exultation**:
  - From God Himself!
    - We - “Rejoice In Hope Of The Glory Of God!”
  - Our Hope As Christians:
    - Is That - One Day:
      - Not Only Will We:
        - **See** The Glory Of God:
          - In All Of Its Fulness!
      - We Will Also Be Able To:
        - **Share** In The Glory Of God:
          - In All Of Its Brightness!
  - Remember When:
    - Moses Asked God:
      - In Exodus 33:18 - “I beseech thee, shew me thy glory?”
    - How Did God Respond?
      - Exodus 33:19-20 - “And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. / And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live!”
  - As A Christian:
    - You Can “Rejoice In Hope Of The Glory Of God” Because:
      - You Will See The Lord:
        - Face To Face:
          - In All Of His Glory:
            - And Live!
    - Colossians 3:4 Tells Us That:
      - “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory!”
        - This Is Your Future!
          - And - This Is Your Hope!
    - As Carrie Back Once Wrote:
      - Face to face I shall behold Him,
      - Far beyond the starry sky;
      - Face to face in all His glory,
      - I shall see Him by and by!
  - But Also - Remember When:
    - Moses Met With God:
      - On Mt. Sinai - In Exodus 34:28? - “And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments!”
    - And How Did This Encounter With God Affect Moses?
      - Exodus 34:29 - “And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him!”
  - Even Now - Even Today:
    - You Have A Share In The Glory Of God!
      - Even As Jesus Prayed:
        - In John 17:22 - “And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one!”
    - This Is The “Grace Wherein You Stand!”
      - You Can - This Very Day:
        - “Rejoice In Hope – Rejoice In The Confident Expectation – Of The Glory Of God!”
          - A Glory:

- You Will One Day See!
- A Glory:
- In Part, You Even Now Share!

**Conclusion:**

1. All Of This:
  - Is “The Grace Wherein We Stand” - As Christians!
  - We Stand - Even Now:
    - In The Richness Of God’s Grace!
    - The Grace Of His:
      - Redemption!
    - The Grace Of His:
      - Peace!
    - The Grace Of His:
      - Access!
    - And - The Grace Of His:
      - Glory!
2. But - Though We Are Rich In Christ:
  - Are We Still Living Our Christian Lives:
    - As Spiritual Paupers?
  - Think About These Words:
    - Written By Charles Hodge - In His Own Thoughts About These Verses In Romans:
      - Why Do We:
        - “Ever Live Below Our Privileges, And Go Limping And Halting, When We Should Mount Up With The Wings Of The Eagles!”
3. When You Turn To & Trust In Jesus:
  - “This Grace Wherein You Stand” - Becomes:
    - The Wind Beneath Your Wings:
      - As You Soar From This Earth:
        - To Heaven Above:
          - To One Day Enjoy:
            - The Gaze Of God’s Glory - Forever!

\* Does The Grace Of These Verses Belong To You Today?

\* Have You Been “Justified By Faith?”

\* If So - Are You Experiencing The Peace & Joy & Hope That Comes From “This Grace Wherein You Stand?”

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