

Morning Sermon August 9, 2015

“The Justification Package” Romans 5:1-5

The Christian’s Sweet Benefit Package procured for us by Jesus
Christ, through His death on the cross...

What do we get?

I. Peace with God –

^{NKJ} Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1 NKJ)

Without Christ / before He died on the cross for us, we were under God’s wrath and curse – by nature (without Christ, we are the) children of wrath, (Ephesians 2:3 NKJ)

We were God’s enemies, breakers of God’s law and due His righteous wrath ... Peter was guilty before God, he denied Jesus three times, denying that he even knew Him – Luke 22:61-62

Yet, Jesus, after He had risen from the dead greeted him and the other disciples with a greeting of peace –John 20:19; 21 & 26 Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19 NKJ)

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! (John 20:21 NKJ)

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" (John 20:26 NKJ)

II. Access into grace –

our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace (Romans 5:1-2 NKJ)

1. Christ’s death gained us this access ...

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:50-51 NKJ)

That veil used to guard the Holy of Holies; it kept all except the high priest away from the presence of God. The high priest was granted access only once a year, and that with great fear and trembling!

Yet, now we have FULL ACCESS, and we are to approach boldly without fear – ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16 NKJ)

2. This access is by faith, which is the opposite of fear – for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6 NKJ)

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:5-6 NKJ)

3. Note these verses encourage us to PRAY –

¹³ "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14 NKJ)

that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. (John 15:16 NKJ)

III. Standing in grace –

into this grace in which we stand (Romans 5:2 NKJ)

We are not only granted access to God, but we permanent standing – ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (Colossians 1:13 NKJ)

We are in a new place, “in Christ” which is the realm of grace – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense –

¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:16-17 NKJ)

IV. Hope of glory –

and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:2 NKJ)

1. Something to rejoice in

2. The glory of being like Christ –

but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1John 3:2-3 NKJ)

3. Glory means being in Heaven -

4. *This hope does not disappoint –*

⁵ **Now hope does not disappoint, (Romans 5:5 NKJ)**

V. *Glory in tribulations –*

³ **And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4 NKJ)**

This is thought crazy now, it was thought crazy then, but it is wonderfully true –

² **My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,**

³ **knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.**

⁴ **But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4 NKJ)**

We glory in them because they are productive –

1. *Tribulation produces –*

“Suffering produces perseverance” (v. 3b). The Greek word (for perseverance) literally means “to abide under or stay under pressure.” R.

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We call it “staying power”

2. *Perseverance, character – burning away of dross*

¹⁰ **But He knows the way that I take; *When* He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job 23:10 NKJ)**

3. *Hope in this context points ultimately to Christ-likeness –*

²⁸ **And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:28-29 NKJ)**

VI. *Love of God poured...*

because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5 NKJ)

1. *God is Love – 1 John 4:8*

2. *Love is everywhere:*

A. *Hens have a kind of love for their chicks – Luke 13:34*

B. *Even tax-collectors love their families and friends – Matthew 5:46*

3. *But we have the love of God poured ...*

A. *Into our hearts, our inner being, the most real part of ourselves, our sensor*

sen·sor noun a device designed to respond to a physical stimulus (as heat or cold, light, a particular motion) and transmit a resulting impulse for interpretation or measurement or for operating a control

Our hearts were created to respond to God’s Love –

¹⁹ **We love Him because He first loved us. (1John 4:19 NKJ)**

But our hearts were created not just to respond to physical but to spiritual stimulus, created and recreated –

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10 NKJ)**

¹⁹ **“Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,**

²⁰ **“that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.**

(Ezekiel 11:19-20 NKJ)

B. *Poured – referring to a great abundance!*

C. *By the Holy Spirit – meaning of the Highest Quality*

VII. *The Holy Spirit –*

by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:5 NKJ)

³⁷ **On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39 NKJ)**

The gift of the Holy Spirit is beyond a single sermon point, yet –

1. *He is the greatest Gift, having Him means God is our God and we are His people –*

³ **And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. (Revelation 21:3 NKJ)**

2. *We do not have Him without Christ’s death on the cross; His death cleansed us and makes us fit Temples / a fit Temple!*

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