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Evening Sermon Outline September 18, 2022
"The Believer's Benefit Package" Romans 5:1-5

The Christian's Sweet Benefit Package bought for us by Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross! What do we get?

I. *We are justified –*

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith,... Romans 5:1 A

W. S. C. Question 33 What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, (Romans 3:24–25, Romans 4:6–8) and accepts us as righteous in his sight, (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, (Romans 5:17–19) and received by faith alone. (Galatians 2:16, Philippians 3:9) *Because of what Jesus did on the cross; God sees me Just-as-if-I'd never sinned!*

II. *We have peace with God –*

... we have peace with God... Romans 5:1 B *Justification leads to / results in "peace with God"*

1. *This is something the wicked don't have –*

²² **"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."** Isaiah 48:22 (NKJV)

²¹ **"There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."** Isaiah 57:21 (NKJV)

2. *Don't be mistaken about who the wicked are; the Hebrew word for wicked means "guilty" is you are not justified by Jesus Christ you are guilty –* ¹⁹ **Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:19 (NKJV)**

The entire world is guilty. Guilt, wickedness, is our default state. We are by nature children of God's wrath – and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:2–3 (NKJV)

3. *Peace is the first fruit of Christ's death, the first thing He says resurrected –*

¹⁹ **Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."** ²⁰ **When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.** ²¹ **So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."** John 20:19-21

III. *We have the Lordship of Christ – ... through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 C*

1. *We are not saved by obedience to Christ or God's law, but being saved means we recognize His Lordship and are obedient to Him –*

¹⁵ **"If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15 (NKJV)**

⁴⁶ **"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Luke 6:46 (NKJV)**

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IV. We have attained access to grace –

² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace Romans 5:2 A

1. *Access to grace –*

Christ as our High Priest offered Himself as an offering for sin. When He died, the veil of the Temple was torn. This was a barrier between God and His people, but it was taken away.

³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Mark 15:38 (NKJV)

2. *Now, we can go directly to God in Jesus' Name -*

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 (NKJV)

Faith's Checkbook – checks are signed in Jesus' Name!

V. We are standing in grace –

grace in which we stand Romans 5:2 B

If a person is a member in good standing in a church or a country club, that means that person has a right to be in that place, and to partake of whatever benefits that place has to offer.

Standing in God's grace means not only that we escape Hell, but we have attained Heaven, and all of its spiritual benefits are available to us, for our ultimate Good!

"You are in the right, best place when you're standing in God's grace." A. Brevick

What we have here is amazing, Amazing Grace, Wonderful Grace, Marvelous Grace –

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)

VI. We have the hope of glory –

and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2 C

²¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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.* ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." Revelation 21:1–5 (NKJV)

1. *Glory here is beyond us, something future but sure*

2. *Glory here is our purpose W.S.C. Q 1 both here in our efforts / there in our reality*

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VII. *We have glory in tribulations, knowing even they are full of other / more benefits –*

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

Every cloud has a silver lining. For the true Christian, not only a silver lining but a golden filling!

James tells us to rejoice in trials –

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. 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. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:2–8 (NKJV)

VIII. *We have the love of God poured into our hearts –*

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts... Romans 5:5 A

*“For the love of God, &c. I do not refer this only to the last sentence, but to the whole of the preceding passage. I therefore would say,—that by tribulations we are stimulated to patience, and that patience finds an experiment of divine help, by which we are more encouraged to entertain hope; for however we may be pressed and seem to be nearly consumed, we do not yet cease to feel God’s favor towards us, which affords the richest consolation, and much more abundant than when all things happen prosperously. For as that happiness, which is so in appearance, is misery itself, when God is adverse to and displeased with us; so when he is propitious, even calamities themselves will surely be turned to a prosperous and a joyful issue. Seeing all things must serve the will of the Creator, who, according to his paternal favor towards us, (as Paul declares in the eighth chapter,) overrules all the trials of the cross for our salvation, this knowledge of divine love towards us is instilled into our hearts by the Spirit of God; for the good things which God has prepared for his servants are hid from the ears and the eyes and the minds of men, and the Spirit alone is he who can reveal them. And the word *diffused*, is very emphatical; for it means that the revelation of divine love towards us is so abounding that it fills our hearts; and being thus spread through every part of them, it not only mitigates sorrow in adversities, but also, like a sweet seasoning, it renders tribulations to be loved by us.” John Calvin*

I know something about this ...

IX. *We have the Holy Spirit -*
by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5 B

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1. *Not yet given, what did Jesus mean –*

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 (NKJV)

A. *It is clear, the Holy Spirit was active even in the OT –
David prayed, after his great sin –*

¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, Isaiah 63:11 (NKJV)

B. *I believe people in OT times were saved in the same way we are, and SALVATION always necessitated the Spirit’s work! John 3:3; Isaiah and others saw God’s Kingdom – Isaiah 53*

C. *So how is the Spirit not yet GIVEN?*

D. *Jesus’ death on the cross, cleansed us from sin, and made us true, pure vessels for the Spirit’s indwelling. By faith, OT believers, like Abraham, like David had the Holy Spirit, His help, His enabling, but based on PROMISE, not yet fulfilled.*

E. *We have the Holy Spirit based on Jesus’ fulfilling all of God’s promises –*

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 2 Corinthians 1:19–20 (NKJV)

They had the Holy Spirit, as a Provision, based on a promise not yet fulfilled. We have the Holy Spirit as a Possession based on promises fulfilled!

God Himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:3 B

2. *We are His and He is ours –*

A. *Pray accordingly –*

⁹ “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Luke 11:9–13 (NKJV)

B. *PRAY! And expect a glorious answer – Ephesians 3:14-21*

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