

ROMANS

Chapters 5 – 8

The Grace in Which We Stand

The Hope of Future Glory

- Up till now...
 - Paul has objectively presented the gospel plan of salvation
 - Righteousness “to all them that believe” 3:22
 - God was the “justifier of him that has faith in Jesus” 3:26
 - “a man is justified by faith” 3:28
 - God “shall justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through faith” 3:30

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- Up till now...
 - Chapter 4 presented justification through faith as exemplified in Abraham
 - The end of chapter 4 removes objectivity and Paul speaks of those who have ACTUALLY believed and of their experience of salvation...
 - "for OUR sake also... who believed on him... who was delivered up for OUR trespasses and was raised for OUR justification
 - Our. Our. Our.

The Hope of Future Glory

- Paul continues this point of view...
 - He speaks of the entire Christian experience
 - Past
 - Present
 - Future
 - He emphasizes the confidence with which Christians deal with the tribulations of the present and the wrath that lies ahead at the judgement

The Hope of Future Glory

- The Christian Experience: Past, Present and Future
 - Past – *Having been justified by faith*
 - God has judged us righteous
 - He has acquitted us of guilt, and declared us **NOT GUILTY**
 - Present – *we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*
 - We are no longer under the wrath of God. We have peace with God. We have been reconciled to God
 - Future – *and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God*
 - We glory in all God has done from the beginning to the end

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- Glorifying Even Amidst Tribulations
 - The Assertion: *And not only this, but we celebrate in our tribulations.*
 - NOT – we glory in spite of our tribulations BUT “we glory in our tribulations”
 - The Reasoning: *knowing*
 - It was because of what we know – tribulation can be transformed into hope

The Hope of Future Glory

- The Christian Hope is Not a Delusion
 - *“and hope does not disappoint”*
 - Those who put their faith in God will not be let down
 - In contrast - Israel put their confidence in sorcery, astrology, idolatry, false prophets, and foreign alliances.
 - Christians who hold on to hope will find God true to His promises and exonerated in judgement.

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- The Ground of Christian Glorifying
 - The reason of the confidence Christians have
 - God's love in our hearts
 - With our hearts we
 - Think – Matthew 9:4; Luke 2:35; Acts 8:22
 - Reason – Mark 2:8
 - Understand – Matthew 13:15
 - Purpose – Acts 11:32; 2 Cor 9:7
 - Believe – Romans 10:9f

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- The Ground of Christian Glorifying
 - God's love poured out within our hearts
 - This is accomplished through the Holy Spirit
 - He has given us the gospel explaining in plain understandable language our God's love (John 3:16)
 - He guided the apostles to explain God's love to us in the epistles (Romans 5:8)

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- The Ground of Christian Glorifying
 - Summary of the Spirit's Revelation of God's Love
 - As estranged sinners:
 - Vs 6-8
 - Christ died for US – enemies of God
 - No longer enemies, His love does so much for us
 - Vs 9-11
 - The Holy Spirit communicates God's love to us
 - We live ***without*** fear for the future
 - We live ***with*** assurance, glorying in hope of the glory of God

The Hope of Future Glory

- The Ground of Christian Glorifying
 - God's wrath
 - In the day of judgement – the wrath to come
 - Saved by His life
 - Life following His reconciling death
 - Glorifying in God through our Lord Jesus Christ
 - We shall be saved glorying in God through Christ

Next Week

- Life through one man: Jesus Christ the second Adam (5:12-21)
 - Dean will be teaching next week