**“All This and Heaven Too!”**

**(Romans 5:1-5)**

**It is truly wonderful to be justified (saved from sin) by faith in Christ; but, what difference does it make in our lives right now? Our text today reminds us that we have many blessings as children of God, including…**

 **I. Peace with God (1)**

 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus*

 *Christ:*

(Colossians 1:20; Ephesians 2:14; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7)

 **II. Privilege of Access (2a)**

 *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand,*

(Matthew 27:51; Ephesians 2:18; 3:12; Hebrews 4:16)

**III. Prospect of Glory (2b)**

 *…and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

(Romans 8:18, 24-25; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Colossians 1:27; 3:4)

**IV. Purpose in Suffering (3-4)**

 *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation*

 *worketh patience;And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

(Matthew 5:11-12; James 1:2-3; Acts 5:41)

 **V. Presence of Holy Spirit (5)**

 *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad*

 *in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

 (Romans 1:16; 9:33; 10:11; Titus 3:5-6; 1 John 2:2:28; 3:3; 4:16-18)

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s study that was the most interesting or**

 **challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Romans 5:1 speaks of having peace with God. What is the difference**

 **between Peace WITH God and Peace OF God? What must we do to enjoy**

 **God’s peace? Do any other Bible verses come to mind?**

**3. Romans 5:2 states that we now have access “into this grace wherein we**

 **stand.” What difference should this access make in our daily lives?**

 **Consider Hebrews 4:16 and other Scriptures.**

**4. Read and discuss Romans 5:3-4. Why is the sequence of the words**

 **important? (tribulations 🡪 patience 🡪 experience 🡪 hope) If we are God’s**

 **children and He loves us, why does He allow/send painful trials and**

 **suffering? If we feel depressed and discouraged in our trials, should we just**

 **accept it or fight it? How would you fight it?**

**5. According to Romans 5:5, why should we never be ashamed to keep our**

 **hope in the Lord? What does it mean that “the love of God is shed abroad in**

 **our hearts?” What part does the Holy Spirit play in all of this?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Romans 5:1-5 discusses suffering, hope and glory. Notice how Paul further**

 **develops these themes in Romans 8:17-30. As you read through these**

 **verses, pick out a verse or two that encourages you. How about 8:17 for**

 **starters! 😊**

**2. What do each of the following verses tell us about “the glory of God” and**

 **how we share in this glory? Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Colossians**

 **1:27; 3:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Peter 5:1, 10 What difference do these**

 **truths make in your life?**

**3. Re-read Romans 5:1-5 a couple times and sincerely ask God to help you**

 **answer these questions:**

 **(1) Am I enjoying God’s peace in my life?**

 **(2) How often do I utilize my access to God and His rich grace?**

 **(3) Is my demeanor marked by a joy of a certain glorious future in Heaven?**

 **(4) Am I a grumbler in the midst of trials?**

 **(5) How can I become more of a “rejoicer” in trials?**