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Not Without Hope

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Romans 5:1-11

Introduction: The apostle, having made good his point, and fully proved justification **by faith**, in this chapter proceeds in the explication, illustration, and application of that truth.

I. He shows the fruits of justification, Romans 5:1-5. **II.** He shows the fountain and foundation of justification in the death of Jesus Christ, which he discourses of at large in the Romans 5:6-23. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:1-2, Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have **peace** with **God** through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have **access (admission [entrance]) by FAITH** into this **GRACE** wherein we stand, and **rejoice in (because of) HOPE** of the glory of God.

Hope defined 1680, (to anticipate, usually with pleasure); EXPECTATION.

NOTE: Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: This is the first benefit. Because the price is PAID in FULL by the WORK of Jesus on the CROSS, God's justice towards us is eternally satisfied.

i. This is NOT the **peace OF God** spoken of in other places (such as Philippians 4:7). This is **peace WITH God...**

Into this grace in which we stand: This is the second benefit - we have a *standing* in **grace** - in God's UNMERITED FAVOR. This **grace** is given *through* Jesus and **gained by FAITH**.

i. Grace (God's undeserved favor towards us) is NOT ONLY the *way* salvation **comes TO US**, it is also a description of our **present standing** before God. It is not only the **beginning principle** of the Christian life, it is also the **continuing principle** of the Christian life. "*We stand* translates a perfect tense, used in this sense of the present, and with the thought of a continuing attitude." (Morris)

ii. Many Christians **begin in grace**, but then THINK they must go on to perfection and maturity by dealing with God on the **principle of LAW** - on the ideas of **earning and deserving**. Paul spoke against this very point in Gal. 3:2-3 and Gal. 5:1-4.

Galatians 3:1-5, O foolish Galatians, who hath **bewitched (fascinate** [captivate {taken prisoner; ensnared; charmed }]) you, that ye should NOT **OBEY** the TRUTH, before whose **eyes** Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, **Received** ye the **Spirit** by the **works of the LAW**, or by the **hearing of FAITH**? Are ye so **foolish?** having begun IN the Spirit, are ye now **made PERFECT** by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and **worketh miracles** among you, doeth he it by the WORKS of the LAW, or by the HEARING of FAITH?

Galatians 5:1-4, Stand fast therefore in the **liberty** wherewith **Christ** hath **made us FREE**, and be not entangled again with the YOKE of BONDAGE. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that **if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing**. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a DEBTOR to do the whole LAW. **Christ (Messiah)** is become of **no effect unto you**, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are FALLEN from grace**.

iii. A **standing IN grace** reassures us: God's present attitude towards the believer in Christ Jesus is one of favor, seeing them in terms of joy, beauty, and pleasure.
(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/guz/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:3, And not only so, but we **glory (make boast, REJOICE)** in **tribulations** also: KNOWING that **TRIBULATION WORKETH PATIENCE...**

Tribulation defined 2347, PRESSURE (literally or figuratively): -- affliction), anguish, burdened, persecution, trouble.

Worketh defined 2716, to work fully, i.e. accomplish (complete; to finish entirely; gain); by implications, to finish, fashion:-- CAUSE, to PERFORM [MOVE to ACTION], work.

Patience defined 5281. hupomone hoop-om-on-ay'; cheerful (or HOPEFUL) endurance, Constancy :-- enduring, patient continuance (WAITING).

Thought 1. First, he's talking to Christians who have NOT matured. This is why what he's sharing in this letter is so important. He's enlightening their MINDS with spiritual knowledge to IMPROVE their understanding, and thereby strengthen them.

Next, let's look at Jesus' words written about the "parable of the sower" to see a very important TRUTH about "tribulations: PRESSURE" that's often NOT even considered when teaching from Romans 5:3 and James 1:2-3.

Matthew 13:5-9, 20-21, Some fell upon **STONY places**, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had NO DEEPNESS of earth: And when the sun was up, they were **scorched (BURN)**; and because they had NO ROOT, they **WITHERED away**. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

But he that received the seed into **STONY PLACES**, the same is he that heareth the WORD, and anon with JOY receiveth it; Yet hath he NOT ROOT in himself, but **dureth** (to last) **for a while**: for when **TRIBULATION** or **PERSECUTION** ariseth **because** of the **WORD**, by and by he is **offended (trip up, apostasy [renunciation of faith])**.

Tribulation defined 2347, PRESSURE (lit. or fig.): -- affliction [state of PAIN, DISTRESS, or GRIEF]), anguish, burdened, TROUBLE.

Thought 2. So, from the verses at which we've just looked, now we KNOW tribulation or affliction does NOT PRODUCE any FRUIT of the spirit! More importantly, when they renounced their "faith", they were NO longer saved. Their names were erased from the Book of Life. So, they're eternally LOST: reserved for the "lake of fire."

Hebrews 3:12-14, Take heed, brethren, lest there be IN any of **you** an **evil heart** of **UNBELIEF**, in **departing FROM** the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be **hardened** through the **deceitfulness** of **sin**. For we are made partakers of Christ, **IF** we HOLD the beginning of our **confidence** **STEDFAST** unto the end...

Hebrews 6:4-6, For it is **impossible** for those who were once **enlightened**, and have TASTED of the heavenly gift, and were made **partakers** of the Holy Ghost,

And have TASTED the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **IF** they shall **FALL AWAY**, to renew them again unto **repentance**; seeing they **crucify to themselves** the Son of God afresh, and put him to an **open shame**.

Fall away defined 3895, to fall aside, to apostatize [to commit apostasy].
Apostasy, an abandonment of what one has VOLUNTARILY professed (openly and FREELY declared or acknowledged): a total desertion or departure.

Hebrews 10:26-29, For if we **sin willfully** AFTER that we have **received** the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice** for SINS, But a certain fearful looking for of **judgment** and **fiery (FIRE) indignation**, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted **the BLOOD** of the **covenant**, wherewith **he WAS sanctified**, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Thought 3. Jesus' sacrifice is the only one that Yahweh has, and will accept.

Hebrews 10:35, Cast NOT AWAY therefore your **confidence (assurance** [FAITH, belief].), which hath great recompence of **REWARD**.

Revelation 3:5, He that **overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will NOT blot out (ERASE) his name **OUT of** the **book of life**...

Revelation 20:14-15, And death and hell were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the **second death**. And whosoever was NOT found written in the **book of life** was **cast INTO** the **lake of fire**.

Thought 4. Now, let's see the scriptures that tell us exactly what produces endurance. But first, we **MUST** be aware of the fact "Patience: endurance" is a **FRUIT** of our spirit.

Galatians 5:22, But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, **LONGSUFFERING**, gentleness, goodness, **FAITH**...

Longsuffering defined 3115, LONGANIMITY, i.e. (objectively) forbearance or (subjectively) fortitude:-- patience.

Longanimity, disposition (frame of MIND) to bear injuries patiently; PATIENCE.
Patience, 1. the power of suffering with fortitude; uncomplaining **endurance** of evils or wrongs, as toil, PAIN, poverty, INSULT, oppression, calamity, etc..
2. The act or power of calmly or contentedly waiting for something due or hoped for; forbearance. **3.** Constancy in labor or application; perseverance.

Romans 15:4-5, For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime were **written** for our learning, that we through **PATIENCE** and comfort **OF (FROM)** the **SCRIPTURES** might have **HOPE**. Now the **GOD of PATIENCE** and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus (Yahshua)...

Patience defined 5281. hupomone hoop-om-on-ay'; cheerful (or HOPEFUL) endurance, CONSTANCY: -- enduring, patient continuance (WAITING).

Constancy, fixedness or firmness of MIND; persevering resolution; steady, unshaken determination; particularly applicable to firmness of MIND under SUFFERINGS, to steadiness in attachments, and to perseverance (persistence) in enterprise.

Romans 15:13, Now the **God of HOPE** fill you with all joy and peace in **believing**,

that ye may **abound (INCREASE)** in **HOPE**, through the **power** of the Holy Ghost.

NOTE: The **God** who “inspires,” or **“PRODUCES”** the Christian **HOPE**.
(Source: <https://www.study-light.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-15.html>)

Thought 5. So, we SEE, our Father uses the SCRIPTURES (his WORD) to produce/bring OUT endurance when we BELIEVE his word. And only his words have LIFE! Did you also notice “FAITH” is listed as one of the “Fruit of the spirit.” And there is NO disagreement among Christians that “faith” COMES (sprouts) by the WORD of God.

Romans 10:17, So then **faith COMETH** by **hearing** (understanding), and **hearing** (understanding) by the word OF (from, about) God.

Thought 6. In truth, ALL of the “fruit of the spirit” are produced by the LIFE that’s in God’s word! That’s why it’s necessary to find the “WORD” for the fruit that God wants to produce. To help with LOVE being produced, the Spirit led Paul to write 1 Cor.13.

John 15:1-2, 4-6, I am the true vine, and my Father is the **husbandman (farmer)**. Every branch in me that beareth NOT fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he **purgeth (prunes)** it, that it may bring forth **more FRUIT**. ...As the branch cannot **bear fruit** of itself, except it **abide (stay)** in the vine; no more can ye, except ye **abide (stay)** in me. I am the VINE, ye are the branches: He that **abideth (stay)** in me, and I in him, the same **bringeth forth MUCH FRUIT**: for WITHOUT ME ye can do nothing. If a man abide not IN me, he is **cast forth** as a branch, and is **withered**; and men gather them, and cast them into the **FIRE**, and they are BURNED.

Thought 7. So, the meaning intended is tribulation CAUSES the PATIENCE that we receive from the scriptures to “MOVE to ACTION.” Now, let’s look at Rom. 5:3 again.

Romans 5:3, And not only so, but we **glory (REJOICE)** in **tribulations (pressure)** also: knowing that **tribulation WORKETH** (MOVE to action) **PATIENCE (cheerful or HOPEFUL endurance)**...

Thought 8. Now, let’s go to James 1:2-4 about patience, with some key definitions.

James 1:2-4, My brethren, **count** (to reason with one's self and conclude from arguments) it all JOY when ye fall into divers temptation **knowing** this, that the **trying** of your **FAITH (fidelity [adherence to a person or party to which one is bound; faithfulness]) worketh** (move to ACTION) **patience. (cheerful or HOPEFUL endurance)** have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Romans 5:4-5, And **PATIENCE, experience (trustiness [faithfulness]); and experience (trustiness [faithfulness]), HOPE:** 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.

Thought 1. When we look at what Paul is saying, the “CONTEXT” is God has a number of things that “move to action” when we are in tribulations. And we are encouraged by him, the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and those Christians like Paul and James who really UNDERSTAND what happens when our “faith/ faithfulness” is tested. Now, let’s read verses 4-5 with the definitions in place, making clear what Paul meant.

Romans 5:4-5, And patience “MOVES to ACTION” the faithfulness we have to God, and faithfulness “moves to action” our HOPE (expectation) and HOPE (expectation) maketh not ashamed; because the LOVE of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Thought 2. To further confirm “moves to action” is what Paul meant, see Romans 8.

Romans 8:23-25, And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **WAITING FOR** the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our **body**.

For we are saved by **HOPE (expectation)**: but **HOPE** that is seen is not **HOPE**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

But if we **HOPE (expect)** for that we see not, **THEN** do we with **PATIENCE (cheerful or hopeful ENDURANCE, constancy)** **WAIT** for it.

Romans 5:6, For when we were yet without strength, in **due time** Christ **DIED** for the **ungodly**.

NOTE: Here it means that we were without strength “in regard to the case which the apostle was considering;” that is, we had **no power to devise a scheme of justification**, to **make an atonement**, or to put away the wrath of God, etc. While all hope of man’s being saved by any plan of his own was thus taken away; while he was thus lying exposed to divine justice, and dependent on the **mere mercy** of God; God provided a plan which met the case, and secured his salvation. The remark of the apostle here has reference only to the **condition** of the **race BEFORE an atonement is made**. It does not pertain to the question whether man has strength to repent and to believe after an atonement is made, which is a very different inquiry.

In due time - Margin “According to the time” In a timely manner; at the proper time; Galatians 4:4... (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Galatians 4:4, But when the **fulness of the time** was come, God **SENT forth** his Son, made of a **woman**, made under the law...

Romans 5:7, For scarcely for a **righteous man will one die**: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to **DIE**.

NOTE: For scarcely ... - The design of this verse and the following is, to illustrate the great love of God by comparing it with what man was willing to do. “It is an unusual occurrence, an event which is all that we can **HOPE FOR** from the highest human benevolence and the **purest friendship**, that one would be willing to die for a good man. There are none who would be willing to die for a man who was seeking to do us **INJURY**, to calumniate our character, to destroy our happiness or our property. But Christ was willing to die for bitter foes.”

Scarcely - With difficulty. It is an event which cannot be expected to occur often. There would scarcely be found an instance in which it would happen.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:8, But God commendeth **his LOVE** toward us, in that, while we were **yet SINNERS**, Christ **died** for US.

NOTE: Romans 5:6-8. The helplessness and ill-desert of the objects, and the timeliness of the intervention, go to “commend **God's love to us**, **SHOWN in the death of Christ** on our behalf”—a sacrifice enhanced when one considers that “a righteous man” will “scarcely “find another to “die for him,” though “it may happen” that a friend “ventures his life for the good man” (known and loved as such).—God’s and Christ’s love are identified (Romans 5:6; Romans 5:8). (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/pfc/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:9, Much more then, being now **justified by his** (Jesus’ [Yahshua’s]) **BLOOD**, we shall **be saved from wrath** through him.

NOTE: - It is **much more reasonable** to **EXPECT it**. There are fewer obstacles in the way. If, when we were enemies, he overcame all that was in the way of our salvation; much

more have we reason to **EXPECT** that he will **afford us protection** now that we are his friends. This is one ground of the hope expressed in Romans 5:5.

Being now justified - Pardoned; accepted as his friends.

By his blood - By his death; Note, Romans 3:25. The fact that we are purchased by his blood, and sanctified by it, renders us sacred in the eye of God; bestows a value on us proportionate to the worth of **the price of our redemption**; and is a pledge that he will keep what has been so dearly BOUGHT.

Saved from wrath - From hell; from the punishment due to sin; Note, Romans 2:8.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:10, For if, when we **were enemies**, we **were reconciled to God** by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **SAVED** by **his LIFE**.

NOTE: For if - The idea in this verse is simply a repetition and enlargement of that in Romans 5:9. The apostle dwells on the thought, and places it in a **new light**, furnishing thus a **strong confirmation** of his position.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/romans-5.html>)

Romans 5:11-12, And not only so, but we also **joy** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the **atonement**. Wherefore, as by **ONE man SIN entered** into the world, and **DEATH** by sin; and so **death passed upon ALL men**, for **THAT ALL** have sinned...

Thought 1. First, we know “death” was in existence BEFORE Adam sinned. It was Lucifer’s sin that brought DEATH into existence. So, when Yahweh made Adam, he warned him to OBEY him. He was told IF he disobeyed, he would DIE. WHY? Again, death existed, but was NOT in the earth. Also remember, love gives everyone a choice.

Genesis 2:16-17, And the LORD God **commanded the MAN**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely DIE**.

Well, as we know, Adam sinned and death entered the world, in his spirit and Eve’s spirit. However, that nature, “death”, called “HUMAN NATURE”, was received from Satan, and passed down from Adam to ALL humans who had “MAN” for his father. Even though Eve had the same nature, it’s NOT passed on by women. It’s passed on from the “MAN” who fathers the child. This explains WHY Jesus (Yahshua) could have God’s (Yahweh’s) nature: LIFE, even though Mary, a human being with Satan’s nature could be his mother. The SEED of Yahweh that impregnated Mary was God’s WORD.

Romans 5:13-14, (For until the law sin was **in the world**: but SIN is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless **death reigned** from Adam to Moses, **even OVER THEM** that **had NOT sinned** after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Thought 1. Every human, EXCEPT Jesus (Yahshua), was BORN a sinner. So, even though we’ve DONE no sin, we’re SINNERS because of the nature with which we’re born.

Romans 5:18-19, Therefore as by the **offence** of one (Adam) **judgment** came upon **ALL** men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of ONE (Jesus) the free gift came upon **ALL** men unto justification of life. For as by **ONE** man’s **disobedience** **MANY** were **MADE sinners**, so by the **obedience** of **ONE** shall **MANY** be **MADE righteous**.

Thought 1. Again, we are MADE righteous. He did not say it was imputed to us. Although, he uses “imputed” in other verses, that’s NOT the only way to describe what happened to us when we BELIEVED on Jesus (Yahshua).