

Much More!

Key Scriptures

Rom. 5:1-11 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Key Point: What starts as justification ends with eternal security.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever had a good friend, for whom you would sacrifice almost anything for? Would you do the same for a stranger? Why or why not?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read through Romans 5:1-11 as a group. As you read it, take note of the verbs Paul uses, and what tense they are in (past, present, future). Circle each one you think is significant. (Example: v. 1 “having been justified” = past tense). (Also as you are reading, underline any statements that are meaningful or confusing to you. You will discuss these later).
What are some of the important truths did you find because of the tenses.
- Kyle mentioned that the Greek word “access” in v. 2 gives the idea of Jesus Christ ushering us into a new territory called “grace” where we now are able to live by a different standard and perspective. What do you think it means to live in this new “territory of grace?”
- What does this passage teach about the eternal security of the Christian?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- From this passage, what did you underline? Which statements give you the most comfort? are difficult to understand or believe? Which do you need to meditate on?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Tribulations are certain to come. But we are promised that The Holy Spirit will use them to produce perseverance, proven character, and hope. In what ways do you need to adjust your attitude this week as you face different hardships?

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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