

A Study of the Letter to the Romans, written by the Apostle Paul in A.D. 57.

Answer Guide

Romans 5:1-11

Begin with prayer, asking the Lord cleanse your heart and give you understanding into His Word.

Memory Verse: Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Day 1:

Read Romans 5:1

When the first word of a chapter is “therefore”, it is wise to ask the question, “What is the “therefore” there for?” That question begs us to review previous chapters for the answers. So, let’s review some key verses in chapters 1-4.

Romans 1:18 What is God’s wrath revealed against?

All ungodliness and unrighteousness of men

Romans 2:1 Who has an excuse for sin?

No one

(Romans 2:9-18 give further insight.)

Romans 3:19 Who is held accountable to God?

The whole world

Romans 3:22 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested:

a. Through faith in Jesus Christ

b. For all who believe

Romans 3:23 Why is there no distinction?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 3:24 How are we justified?

a. By His grace

b. As a gift

c. Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Abraham is the example given as one who was declared righteous before the Law was even given (see Genesis 15:6), because he was “fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised” (4:21).

Romans 4:3 and 5 How was Abraham counted as righteous? How are you counted as righteous?

By his faith.

Romans 4:23-25 What must all mankind place our faith in (believe in), to be counted righteous in God’s sight? Believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead

So, now that we know what the “therefore is there for”, we are personally called to account for where, or in whom, we have placed our faith!

Ask God to reveal to you whether or not you have been declared righteous (justified) in God’s sight by placing your faith in Jesus Christ who died on the cross in your place, and has been raised from the dead. If you have not, ask God now to forgive your sins and make you right in His sight through Jesus Christ His only Son who died in your place, and rose from the dead. Because justification is a gift by your faith, it will be yours.

Day 2:

Read Romans 5:1-2

Chapter 5 states the results of justification (defined in Strongest Exhaustive NASB Concordance as, “the act of pronouncing righteous, acquittal”).

Romans 5:1 What does someone who has been justified (declared righteous) possess?

Peace with God

Through whom is this peace received?

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:27 Jesus Himself tells his disciples 3 things about this peace. List them below:

1. Peace I leave with you
2. My Peace I give to you
3. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

In a word or two note an area where you are thankful for this peace: _____

Romans 5:2 What have we also gained access to by faith in Him?

Grace

How would you define the word “grace”?

The Greek word for grace is *charis*, meaning *kindness*. *God’s unmerited, or undeserved, favor* is another way “grace” is explained. There are several acronyms for grace, as well, including God’s Riches At God’s Expense.

Do you ever feel like you aren’t good enough, or faithful enough to receive his grace?

What does verse 2 tell us that refutes that kind of thinking? Write it out below just to affirm it in your heart and mind:

“Into this grace in which we ***stand***”.

This word, STAND, also means *to abide*. That should strengthen our weak knees in whatever test, trial or temptation we are currently facing, shouldn’t it?

Want more strength? Read Hebrews 4:16.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

No matter what is going on in our lives, we can still (greatly) rejoice in this grace, and in “hope of the glory of God”.

What is your hope in the future because you have been justified by faith?

Day 3:

READ Romans 5:3-5

I'll just be honest: I don't like suffering! Do you? However, Paul was divinely inspired when he wrote this passage that teaches that suffering produces certain character qualities when we rejoice in those sufferings. He certainly understood suffering. Paul described some of what he had endured for the sake of the gospel of Christ in **2 Corinthians 11:24-29** where he defends his apostleship. Take a look at that passage to gain Paul's perspective on this passage on suffering.

Romans 5:3-4 We can rejoice in our sufferings because we know what suffering produces in our lives.

Suffering produces endurance

Endurance produces character

Character produces hope

James 1:2-3 gives additional insight about encountering or meeting various trials:

What are we to count or consider the trials we meet?

Verse 2 Count it all joy,

What do we know about trials?

Verse 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

When we allow our trials to make us better, not bitter, that is, to let steadfastness have its full effect, what will the result be?

You may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:12 might be a verse you know by memory, but let's review it and let it go with us wherever we go today.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Day 4

Read Romans 5:5-8

Romans 5:5 What do we learn about hope?

Hope does not put us to shame

Why is that true?

Because God's love has been poured into our hearts

Our love for the Lord Jesus enables us to endure trials, tests, and temptations.

Review James 1:12 what is the hope that James describes?

The crown of life.

Whether this refers to this life or our eternal life, we know that the Lord rewards those who diligently seek Him.

How has it been possible for God's love to be poured out into our hearts?

Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Ephesians 1:13-14 teaches that those who are justified were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee (or the down payment) of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it (until God redeems his possession), to the praise of his glory.

Romans 5:6-8 The Holy Spirit in us produces in us an awareness of God's love for us. We see His love, His character, displayed in fireworks and neon lights here:

Romans 5:6 When did Christ die for the ungodly?

while we were still weak, at the right time

Romans 5:8 When did Christ die for us?

while we were still sinners

Whereas a human might possibly die so that a person could live, though that is rare, verse 7 explains, Christ continues to save all who come to him by faith through his once for all death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead (an impossibility for a human who might die in someone else's place.)

So, in light of that, what is our obligation, or is it our privilege, to share His love with others – in tangible, even sacrificial ways? Be alert today for an opportunity to share Christ's love with someone today. Do it God's way!

Day 5

Romans 5:9-11

Review Romans 5:1-8, and carefully read verses 9-11.

We are picking up our study today in the middle of a subject, and that familiar word “therefore” is sending us back to review “what the therefore is there for” (again). Let’s circle the word each time we come to as we continue our study.

Romans 5:9 This verse speaks clearly of how our justification is carried out in the present and also be in the future. Write it down below:

- a. **Present** – we have now been justified (declared as righteous) by His blood
- b. **Future** – much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

The Old Testament sacrifice is a picture of the blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin.

Leviticus 3:19 - *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.*

1 John 1:7 - *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

The old hymn that says, “The blood shall never lose its power.” keeps playing in my mind. Is a song about the blood of Jesus playing in your mind, too, as His Word reveals the significance of His blood to our salvation?

Romans 5:10 **When were we reconciled to God by the death of his Son?**

While we were enemies

Notice how Paul re-states the same facts in different ways, to be sure we “get it”.

“Now that we are reconciled”, we shall be saved by His life.

We have seen the phrase “much more” -

- a. in verse 9 in regard to being saved by Jesus blood from the wrath of God,
- b. in verse 10 that we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:11 **Paul concludes this passage: “More than that,” (Wow, imagine having something MORE than THAT!) What do we also have through our Lord Jesus Christ?**

We have now received reconciliation.

Define reconciliation.

Restore to harmony or friendship; quiet submission.

Are you in harmony with God today? If not, He has provided reconciliation.

Repent and return to Him without delay.