

Comments About Romans 5

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 5.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Romans.

Valuable characteristics

Chapter 5 begins with the apostle Paul mentioning a connection between peace and tribulation.

- We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).
- We have access through Christ and we can rejoice in hope of the glory of God (verse 2).
- Paul mentioned valuable characteristics that come from tribulations (verses 3-5).
- We can glory in tribulation (verse 3).
- Tribulation produces perseverance (verse 3).
- Perseverance produces character (verse 4).
- Character produces hope (verse 4).
- Hope does not disappoint (verse 5).
- The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (verse 5).

Love of God

Romans 5:6-8 describes the love that the Father and Son have for the saints.

Romans 5:6-8—"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Justified, saved and reconciled

Romans 5:9-11 describes how the saints have been justified, saved and reconciled.

- We have been justified by His blood (verse 9).

- We have been saved from wrath through Him (verse 9).
- We were reconciled to God through the death of His Son (verse 10).
- Having been reconciled, we are saved by His life (verse 10).
- We received the reconciliation through our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 11).

Death in Adam, life in Christ

- Sin and death entered the world through Adam (verses 12-14).
- Grace and life entered the world through Jesus Christ (verse 15).
- Paul contrasted the concepts of condemnation and justification (verses 16-19).

Law reveals sin

- In the middle of the discussion (verses 12-14), Paul reminded the saints that the law revealed sin (verse 13).
- Paul wrote: "Sin is not imputed when there is no law" (verse 13).

He said this principle in other chapters.

Romans 3:20—"By law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 4:15—"Where there is not law, there is no transgression."

Romans 7:7—"I would not have known sin except through the law."

Romans 7:8—"Apart from the law, sin was dead."

Law and grace

- Paul described a true connection between law and grace—the law identified abundant sin and paved the way for abundant grace (verse 20-21).
- Taking a peek into the beginning of chapter 6, Paul asked the question: Shall we sin that grace may abound? (Romans 6:1).

Romans 6:1-2—"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"