**Romans Chapter 5**

**Romans 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Romans 5:2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand (*present tense*), and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Into ‘this’ grace –** salvation, justification, peace with God. We gain access into this grace by Jesus Christ (not church membership, baptism, good works, or any sacrament). We gain access by a man – Jesus!

**Wherein we stand** – this is our standing. Sinless and justified. This is not our ‘state’.

**Hope** **of the glory of God** – this is connected with the ‘rapture’ and the second coming of Christ.

**We rejoice in the second coming of Christ, but we also glory in tribulations while we are here in this world.**

**Romans 5:3-5** And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, 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.

**God’s method of developing his children involves tribulations**. Expect trouble!

**But the end of it all is hope**. Tribulation, patience, and experience draw us to “hope” for the Lord’s return.  
This not a “hope so” but a sure thing that we can comfort ourselves in  
**Titus 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**God wants us to take our eyes off of this world and place them on him  
2 Corinthians 4:18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**Romans 5:6-8** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **vs. 7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **vs. 8** But God **commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

God ‘commendeth’ (presents) his love to every man. It is there for the taking. It is a **“free gift”** (this phrase is mentioned three times in this chapter). Don’t mistake this for indiscriminate or unconditional love. You must come on God’s terms in order to receive his gift of love.

**Romans 5:9-10** Much more then, **being now justified** (*present*) by his blood, we **shall be saved** (*future*) from wrath through him. **vs.** **10** For if, **when we were enemies, we were** reconciled to God **by the death of his Son** (*past event*), much more, **being reconciled** (*current event*), we **shall be saved** by his life (*future event*).

**Our salvation comes in three phases**. You have been saved, you are being saved, and you “shall be saved”

1. The moment you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour and placed your faith in His blood atonement on the cross, your soul was saved.
2. Then there is a present (daily) sanctification of your spirit. It is a day-by-day thing. (John 17:17, Heb. 7:25, Gal. 2:20)
3. Finally, there is a sanctification that is complete at the Rapture of the Church. When that takes place, your body is changed (1 Cor. 15) and is no longer that old nature subject to sin. It too is then saved. (Rom. 7:24, 2 Cor. 5:2)

**Romans 5:12-19 Compares Adam and his sin with Christ and his righteousness. Adam is a type of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15:22, 45, Ephesians 5:22-32 - Adam gave his life for his bride as Christ did for his church.

**Romans 5:18** Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

**This verse does not teach us that all men are automatically saved. We know this by comparing other scriptures - John 1:12** But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **God will not force his will upon anyone. In Adam you have no choice; in Christ you do.**