



Book of Romans
Lesson 3: Romans Chapters 5 – 7

1. Introduction

In the previous lesson, we saw that Jesus was separated from the Father when He went to Hell of three days and three nights.

When he rose from the dead, he provided us the opportunity to be made righteous or justified.

Romans 4:22-24

Righteousness (justification) is given to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ!

2. Understanding justification

Justification by faith in Jesus is the _____ reality in Romans.

Paul is very careful that this truth does not take second place to anything else.

Romans 5:1-5

It is not only important that you are justified, you must know that you are justified!

In Christ there are many benefits, but unless you know and understand what they are, you cannot walk in them.

3. Seven benefits of justification

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Romans 5:1

Trouble goes out of a heart that is right with God.

Sorrows leave a man who is harmony with his Creator.

Definition of PEACE (Greek): Peace, prosperity, rest, to set at one again

We are one with Him.

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Romans 5:2

Justification is our entrance into God's storehouse.

Justification establishes us in a right relationship to receive the promises of God.

Definition of GRACE: _____

You have access to God because through justification you have favor!

"Favor" is the root word of "favorite".

What do you do for people that are your favorites? – Things that you do not do for other people.

You have become one of God's favorites!

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Romans 5:2

Justification gives us access to God in a way that we are able to stand before Him without wavering, trembling, or shaking.

Through faith we, we stand before God with sure footings on solid ground.

If you know you are justified, that knowledge brings strength. But what are or your life will it have the greatest effect? – Your prayer life

The phrase WE STAND (Greek):

- To abide
Being justified and knowing it enables me to abide in Him. That is strength. Living in Him every day. I am not moving in and out of my relationship with Christ, I am abiding in Him.
- To continue
This goes right along with abide. Being justified means that I continue with God. That means I will keep going on with Him. I will persist in my relationship with Him. I will keep moving on over a prolonged period of time. I will last.

- Covenant
When we are justified, know it, and walk in it, we recognize our covenant with God! We gave Him our sin. He gave us His righteousness. We can do anything because He gave us everything! That gives me strength!
- Establish
When we are justified and walk in it we are firm or secure in our walk with the Lord. We are walking in strength because we are established!
- To stand by
When I am justified I have the strength to stand by Jesus. I am not going anywhere!
- To stand forth
When I am justified I have the strength to stand forth – to move forward in the things that God has for my life. I am not stagnant and sitting in the same place year after year. I am moving.
- To stand still
While I am standing by the Lord and moving forward with the Lord, I am also have the strength to stand still – on His Word and His promises. Nothing moves me!
- To stand up
Because I walk in the revelation of being justified, I have the strength to stand up for what God says in His Word! I can stand up for my beliefs and not back down.

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Romans 5:2

The peace, the access to grace, and the strength to enter into God's presence all work together to produce the result of joy.

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Romans 5:3

Definition of GLORY: Rejoice

When we walk in a revelation of our justification, we rejoice all of the time – even in tribulation!

Because we are justified, we are not concerned about what other people say about us. We know what God had said about us.

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Romans 5:3

Perseverance is a God-given quality.

It is the key to coping with life.

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Romans 5:4, 5

Definition of HOPE: Anticipation, expectation, and confidence

We can walk by faith when we have a revelation of our righteousness.

4. We do not deserve any of this.

Romans 5:6-11

5. God did everything legally.

When Adam sinned, God's desire was to bring us back into a relationship with Himself.

However, God had to do it all legally.

Romans 5:12-14

Adam is a "type" of Jesus.

Romans 5:15-21

When Adam sinned, God set up legal substitution.

If one man sinned and sin captured the entire human race, then one man could set the entire human race free from sin!

The Bible is clear that if the devil would have known God's plan for Jesus, he would have never crucified Him.

1 Corinthians 2:7, 8

6. We are dead to sin.

Romans 6:1-3

People who are not living for Jesus would like to continue sinning and hope that God will continue to forgive them.

But the Apostle Paul deals with this by telling us that we are free from this kind of living.

We are supposed to be dead to sin. We no longer, as believers, have a part of sin.

We have moved out of the realm of sin.

Romans 6:4, 5

We identify with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection.

Romans 6:6, 7

We are dead to sin.

He who dies is free from sin.

It no longer has authority over us.

As Christians, we no longer sin in slavery to its dominion and against our own will. We are free from the sin nature.

We may still make mistakes, but we are not _____ by the power of sin.

There is teaching today that because we live under grace, we do not sin.

Although it is possible to live from sin, we all still sin.

There is false teaching that believers do not need to repent anymore or ask for forgiveness.

Believers can still sin by choice. What is the difference? – We are not under the authority and dominion of sin! It is not who we really are,

However, when we sin, we can go to God and ask His forgiveness.

1 John 1:6, 7

Is John writing to believers or non-believers?

Answer: He is writing to believers. Believers are the only ones who can walk in the light!

1 John 1:8, 9

Many people use 1 John 1:9 when leading someone to Christ. However, this verse is not for unbelievers.

God never called an unbeliever to confess their sins.

An unbeliever simply must repent of being a sinner and turn their lives over to the Lordship of Christ.

Believers are the only ones that must ask forgiveness.

We have already been freed from sin. We already have a new nature. Now, when we sin, we know it and we then ask forgiveness.

Romans 6:8-12

Definition of RECKON: _____

Do not let sin reign. – This means that you can let it reign if you want to.

Do not allow sin to reign. – Decide to live out of your spirit.

It is a decision to not live in the flesh. Living by the spirit is a choice you make.

7. Sin will not have dominion over you.

Romans 6:13, 14

It is your choice to present your body to God for righteousness – or to sin.

Sin does not have dominion of us.

Definition of DOMINION: To have lordship over

What does this mean? – When sin speaks, I do not have to obey.

Who does sin have dominion over? – _____

As believers, we are under grace.

Definition of GRACE:

- Divine empowerment
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- A divine influence upon the heart

“If I have favor with God, can I sin and get away with it? What if I just repent every time?”

Romans 6:15, 16

Whoever you obey, you become a slave to.

According to this verse, we obey sin or we walk in obedience to God.

Sin leads to death. Obedience to God leads to righteousness.

Romans 6:17

Some people say, “We are not under the law, we are under grace.”

They are correct, but often they mean – we can do certain things because the law is not valid anymore.

Sometimes they look at the law as a bad thing and grace as a good thing.

The fact is that both come from God – the law and grace.

The next part of Romans 6 tells us how to live for God. It is the same way we lived for the devil. When you were living without Jesus, you presented yourself as a slave if sin. Now that you are saved, you present yourself as a slave of righteousness.

Romans 6:18-23

Romans 7:1-3

What is this saying? – To live under the law is a lifetime commitment, just like marriage.

We have been freed from the law through our death to it.

Romans 7:4-6

8. What is the purpose of the law now?

Romans 7:7-11

What do we learn from these verses?

- The law is not sinful.

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- By the law, men are aware of their sinfulness.

We did not know sin until there was a law to tell us that it was sin.

For example, if there is no speed limit on a freeway then it is not a sin to drive 100 mph.

However, if the speed limit is 55 mph and you drive 100 mph, you are breaking the law. If the law was not in place, there would be no sin.

- Sin takes advantage of the law to condemn men for their sin.

Because we can never keep the law and live a perfect life while under it, we fall into condemnation.

Romans 7:12-23

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The law comes from God and His holiness. Therefore, the law is holy like God.

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- Man is carnal and sinful.
- Sin in man overpowers his desire to keep the law.

As soon as a law is laid down, the sin inside of a person desires to break it.

A diet is a good example of this.

- The law backs man into a corner.

This is what the law does best. The law backs you into a corner and there is no way out – except through Jesus!

9. The only deliverance from the power of sin and the law is found in Christ!

Romans 7:24, 25