

Gospel Power

Week 4 - Grace Wins

Romans 5

Day 1: Hello, Peace

Romans 5:1

Romans 3:24

Ephesians 2:13

Philippians 4:7

Romans 5 starts with a key truth of the Christian faith: we are justified by faith. To be justified means to be made right with God, not because of anything we do, but because of God's grace through Jesus. This justification brings peace with God, which was impossible before because of sin. This peace isn't just the end of conflict, but the healing of our broken relationship with God. It's a new beginning where we stand secure, not by anything we have done or ever could do, but because of what Christ has done. Through this, we have access to God's grace and can live confidently in His presence.

Take a moment to reflect on the peace that comes from being justified by faith. Thank God for this peace, and consider how it transforms your approach to challenges and difficulties in life.

Day 2: Purpose in Our Pain

Romans 5: 3–5

James 1: 2-4

1 Peter 1: 6-7

Romans 5:3-5 teaches that suffering is a part of the Christian life and shouldn't be feared. It helps build perseverance, character, and hope. We can even rejoice in suffering because it has purpose: it refines us and strengthens our faith. The hope that comes from enduring trials is not just wishful thinking but a strong confidence in God's glory. This hope

is rooted in God's love, given to us through the Holy Spirit, which helps us endure and become more like Christ.

Consider the trials you are currently facing. Ask God to help you see how they might be refining your character and deepening your hope in His promises. Rejoice that your suffering can lead to a greater sense of hope in God's ultimate glory.

Day 3: A Sacrifice for His Enemies

Romans 5: 6-8

John 3:16

1 John 4:9-10

In Romans 5:6-8, Paul shows us the depth of God's love through Jesus' sacrificial death. Christ didn't die for the righteous, but for sinners—those who were weak and far from God. God's love is not just a concept; it is active and sacrificial, given even when we were enemies of God. Jesus' death on the cross made it possible for us to be reconciled to God. The cross is the greatest example of God's love and the foundation of the hope we have as believers. This passage invites us to reflect on how incredible God's love truly is.

Take time today to reflect on the great love that God has shown you through Christ's death. Let His love motivate you to love others sacrificially, just as He has loved you.

Day 4: So Much More

Romans 5: 9-11

Colossians 1:19-22

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Romans 5:9-11 shares about how we are reconciled to God through Jesus' death. Before Christ, we were separated from God because of sin, but Jesus' sacrifice brings us close to God, forgives our sins, and restores our relationship with Him. This reconciliation is a gift of God's grace, not something we earn. Because of Jesus, we are seen as holy and blameless before God. This restored relationship brings joy and peace, as we experience God's love in a deep way.

Take time to reflect on the privilege of being reconciled to God. Thank Him for the peace and joy that come from being restored to Him, and let that peace influence how you treat others, offering them the same grace and reconciliation you've received.

Day 5: A Perfect Adam

Romans 5:12-21

1 Corinthians 15:22

Romans 6:23

2 Corinthians 5:21

In the final part of Romans 5, Paul compares Adam's sin with Christ's righteousness. Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's obedient sacrifice offers us the gift of eternal life. This passage shows that salvation doesn't depend on what we do, but on what Christ has done. His righteousness is credited to us, and through Him, we have the hope of eternal life. The contrast between Adam and Christ shows how great Christ's sacrifice is. Salvation is a free gift from God, given to us through faith, offering both forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Application:

Rejoice in the hope of salvation you have in Christ. Let this hope shape how you live each day, with an eternal perspective and a desire to share the good news with others.