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5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, [4] endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. [5] This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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1. Intro - From Falling to Standing
    a. Romans 3.23 - [23] For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
    b. How do we go from Falling to Standing?
        i. Teaching your kids to ride a bike
            1. Eventually it just works
2. How do we Stand
    a. By faith
    b. In Peace
    c. Through the Hope
    d. With the Spirit
3. Faith and Peace
    a. Paul continues the argument he has been making
        i. We are justified not by our works, but by faith
        ii. And because of this we have PEACE
        iii. Paul is not saying it is something that we pursue but what we have
            a. Luke 2.14 -
            2. And the only way you can have it is by his works - not yours
        iv. 2 Timothy 1.9 -
4. First what does it mean to "Stand"
        i. Ephesians 3.14 - For this reason I kneel before the Father
5. Becuase you have access you endure
    a. Boast in our Afflictions
        i. And they give us even more hope

a. Isaiah 53.35 - He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him.

6. This hope does not disappoint!
    a. Becasue Christ has blood has been poured out
        i. Matthew 26.27-28 -
    b. And by the Blood the Holy Spirit was given to us!
        1. Philippians 2. - 5-7.
7. Your trials will be hard, your afflictions many, but, believer, please never forget that in the midst of it all - you have peace in Christ, you stand in his grace, and the glory of god that you once fell short of has now made its home in your heart and is eternally yours.

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- Do you put your hope in something other than Christ?
- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- What is the significance of getting to "stand" in God's Grace
- Can you point to afflictions in your life and how God has used them?
- Are you more hopeful now than you used to be? What changed?
- Do you know the peace of God or are you striving for it?
- From your Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?