The Fruit of Justification

Romans 5:1–5 · Steven Dunne · Rivertree Church

INTRODUCTION

Romans 5:1–5 CSB

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 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.

PEACE WITH GOD

John 16:33 CSB

I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

ACCESS TO GRACE

Colossians 1:27 CSB

God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

HOPE IN SUFFERING

Romans 8:28 CSB

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Hebrews 4:14–16 CSB

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT: A HOPE THAT DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

Hebrews 12:2 CSB

keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

RESPONSE: PRAYER

Lamentations 3:21–26 CSB

Yet I call this to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
Because of the LORD's faithful love
we do not perish,
for his mercies never end.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness!
I say, "The LORD is my portion,
therefore I will put my hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the person who seeks him.
It is good to wait quietly
for salvation from the LORD.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did God say to you through His Scripture during our Sunday gathering?
2. What are the fruits of justification according to Romans 5:1-5? How might each of these encourage you during suffering?
3. Why is it important that we see all of these as results of our justification by faith?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What does this passage teach us about the access we have to God and His grace because of Jesus?
5. When have you experienced a deepening of your hope in God through suffering?
6. How does the Holy Spirit give us confidence in God and His faithfulness? How can we be more attentive to the Spirit's work in us?
7. Read Lamentations 3:21-26 together as a group and spend some time meditating on God's love for you. How might we encourage one another to remember this throughout the week?