

KEY WORDS

- Justification – Declared innocent, not guilty; pardoned; “Just as if I’d never sinned.”
- Reconciliation – repaired relationship

SCRIPTURE

PRIMARY TEXT:

Romans 5:1-11

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT:

Ephesians 2:8-9

OBSERVATIONS & APPLICATION

Read Romans 5:1-2 and Ephesians 2:8-9. According to these passages, what does it mean to be justified? And how does faith play a role in justification?

What does it mean to “have peace with God” as mentioned in verse 1? What’s the difference between “peace with God” and “peace from God”?

Though we have peace with God, we are not promised a life free from suffering. How do you typically respond to suffering?

Read Romans 5:3-5. This passage speaks of the process of suffering that leads to perseverance, character, and hope. How does this scripture encourage you to reframe hard situations you are facing and see possible benefits from suffering?

Read Romans 5:5. What stands out to you from this verse? How does this verse impact our relationship with God and with others?

Romans 5:6 tells us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. How does this truth impact your understanding of God’s love, His grace, and reconciliation with Him?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the peace you have with Him as a believer.

RESOURCES

- [Blue Letter Bible: Romans 5](#)
- [Bible Project Romans 5-16](#)
- [Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words](#)
- [Suffering Is Never for Nothing](#) by Elisabeth Elliot

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
