

ROMANS 18 – 5:1-5

Riches of God's Grace

1. Introduction

- a. The logic of grace salvation by faith -Rom 2:1, 2:26, 3:20, 3:28, 4:16, 4:20-22
- b. Romans 4 is how even the law is established by faith and grace – Rom 3:31
- c. Romans 5 starts to explain the riches of God's grace – Rom 3:24; Eph 1:7, 2:7, 3:8

2. 5:1

- a. *"justified by faith"* - in contrast to works required by faith – Rom 10:4-5, Jam 2:21
- b. *"peace with God"* – in contrast to being under wrath – Rom 1:18, 4:15
- c. Israel could reap the wrath of God – Isa 13:13, Heb 3:8-11, 10:26-27, Rev 6:16, 16:1
- d. We are not the subject to God's wrath any more – 1 Thess 5:9 vs 1 Pet 4:17
- e. Peace with God through Christ means the problem of sins is gone - Rom 3:19
- f. He is not chastising or condemning us for sins, we are reconciled – 2 Cor 5:19-20
- g. Christ is our peace reconciling us by the blood of the cross – Col 1:20, Eph 2:3-18

3. 5:2

- a. *"we have access by faith"* – in contrast to access through covenant requirements
- b. Israel accessed grace through covenants and promises – John 1:17, Heb 12:15
- c. *"into this grace wherein we stand"* – by faith in the cross work – Eph 3:1-8
- d. This is a positional truth, which means it is not conditional, it cannot be removed
- e. Our standing is in grace, completed, and freely given through Christ – Col 2:10
- f. *"rejoice in hope of the glory of God"* – This is a mystery among gentiles – Col 1:24-27
- g. The church shall be glorified with Christ – Col 3:4, Rom 8:18, Rom 8:30, Eph 3:21
- h. This is the hope of the future return of Christ and our glorification – Titus 2:13

4. 5:3-4

- a. *"glory in tribulations"* – not about them or for them, we don't ignore them Gal 1:4
- b. When we are weak, God's grace is strong - 2 Cor 12:8-10, Phil 4:6-7, 12-13
- c. *"knowing..."* – For glory to occur we must know some things by faith – 2 Cor 4:17
- d. Tribulation works patience as the man of faith trusts in the Lord
- e. Experience comes as we are made stronger by faith in God and not ourselves
- f. *"and experience, hope"* – as we see how strong God is in our weakness

5. 5:5

- a. *"hope maketh not ashamed"* - The hope of glory is not a false hope, but a surety
- b. *"the love of God"* – as preached in the gospel and that bears fruit in us – Gal 5:22
- c. *"Holy Ghost... given to us"* – the first mention of this earnest – Eph 1:13-14