

THE PROVISIONS OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
Romans 5:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Men are sinners before God
 - 1) Romans 3:9-12
 - 2) Romans 3:21-23
 - B. Men are justified by faith
 - 1) Romans 3:24
 - 2) Romans 3:28
 - C. Examples of justification by faith
 - 1) Abraham - 4:3
 - 2) David - 4:6
 - D. Being saved by grace through faith makes many provisions for us.
 - 1) "Peace"
 - 2) "Access"
 - 3) "A place to stand"
 - 4) "A joyous hope"
- I. Peace With God vs. 1
- A. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
 - 1) "therefore" = oun = "therefore", "then", "since"
 - 2) "justified" = dikaios = "to set forth as righteous"
 - 3) "peace" = eirene = "rest", "in contrast with strife, and denoting the end of strife"
 - 4) Isaiah 57:21 - "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" vs. 20 - "The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest..."
 - B. "through our Lord Jesus Christ"
 - 1) "through" = dia = "as proceeding from", "through, by means of marking the agency or the instrument of action"
 - 2) Ephesians 2:13-18
 - C. Faith is not foggy!
 - 1) Faith must have an object
 - 2) Faith must possess information
 - 3) Faith must commit in knowledge to that object
- II. Access to Grace vs. 2a
- A. "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace..."
 - 1) "By whom" = "through whom" Jesus!
 - 2) "access" = prosagoge = "a leading or bringing to the presence of anyone", "freedom of access"

B. We are invited to a throne of grace

- 1) Hebrews 4:14-16
- 2) At the throne of grace we find grace
- 3) We may come and go as we please?

III. It Provides a Place to Stand vs. 2b

A. "...into this grace wherein we stand."

- 1) "stand" = istemi = "to stand as opposed to falling", "stand fast"
- 2) Jesus leads us to grace and we may step into grace and then stand in it.

B. Standing in grace, a New Testament truth

- 1) II Peter 5:12 - "...this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand."
- 2) Do not stand in flesh!

C. The true Christian must stand

- 1) Ephesians 6:11-14
- 2) Some stand for nothing and fall for everything!

IV. It Provides a Place to Rejoice vs. 2c

A. "...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"

- 1) "rejoice" = kauchaomai = "to speak loud", "to be loud tongued", "boast or vaunt one's self", "to glory or exult"
- 2) "hope" = elpis = "expectation of something future", "a well-grounded expectation and a gladly and firmly held prospect of a future good"
- 3) "glory" = doxa = "honour", "truth", "splendor", "brilliance", "opinion", "notion"

B. Salvation by grace exalts God

- 1) Galatians 6:14 - "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...."
- 2) "glory" = kauchaomai = "boast" [same word]

V. What Does Your Religion Provide You?

A. Building to use

- 1) A place to come to for funerals
- 2) A place to have fun

B. People to befriend

- 1) Friends
- 2) Playmates