

Seven Reasons to Rejoice

Romans 5:1-11

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Summary: The book of Romans is a systematic teaching of the gospel of Christ, and this text in particular provides remarkable completeness that we have in our salvation. The better we understand our salvation, the greater that overcoming joy will be in our daily lives.

1. A. The first reason given in our text to rejoice is that **we have “been justified”** (Romans 5:1). What does that imply beforehand, and what makes justification with God so necessary?
Leviticus 10:3, Isaiah 8:13, Jeremiah 13:23, Romans 3:23
- B. Notice that the grammar uses the past tense, “having been justified.” Describe the finality in which God has done this for us.
John 5:24, Colossians 2:13-14
2. A. Second, Romans 5:1 says that “we have **peace with God**.” What does this imply, and what makes this so important?
Romans 5:10
- B. Why do you think this is provided, grammatically speaking, in the present tense?
Ephesians 2:14-19, Philippians 1:6
3. A. Third, it is in **His “grace in which we stand,”** (Romans 5:2). What is grace and why must we depend on it so heavily?
Psalms 31:19, Romans 3:23-27, Ephesians 2:10
- B. How might we stand more dependably in His grace?
Proverbs 3:1-10
4. A. What ingredients does God use in the building up of our **hope**?
Romans 5:2-5
- B. What kind of hope does God produce in us?
Hebrews 6:17-19, 1 Peter 1:21
5. A. God demonstrates **His own love** towards us how?
Romans 5:5-8
- B. How do we know that God substituted the judgment we deserve upon Christ instead?
Isaiah 53:4-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18
6. A. Sixth, in Romans 5:9-10 it states that “we shall be **saved from the wrath of God** through Him.” Why the wrath, and from what are we rescued?
John 3:36, Romans 1:18, Ephesians 5:5-6, Revelation 20:11-15

B. Describe the logic given in Romans 5:9-10 regarding the more difficult to the less difficult. What does this mean for you and me?

7. And last but not least, how many times according to our main text are we to **exult in God** for all these things? Do you do this on a regular basis? In what fashion might we do better?
Proverbs 2:1-6, Hebrews 12:1-2

Let's be sure to only *glance* at ourselves, but to really *gaze* upon Him. To Him be the glory!