Results of Justification

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I. Introduction.
   A. Text: Romans 5.
      B. A man has to be righteous to come before God. Christ’s righteousness is the answer to this through justification.
      C. Many Christians wonder whether faith is really enough to justify.
      D. There are three great securities that show a person is really saved by justification alone.

II. Peace.
   A. Peace with God is the immediate result.
   B. There is no more rebellion. Peace is established.
   C. This is not referring to tranquility of mind. (Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15; 1:20)
   D. Righteousness and peace are intimately related. (Psalm 85:10, Acts 10:30)

III. Grace.
   A. We stand as much in grace now as much as we ever did.
   B. There is no place where we can hide from sin except for the grace of God.

IV. Glory.
   A. The hope of glory gives us confidence.
   B. Glory is the manifestation of God. We can have confidence that we will experience this fully. (Romans 8:29, 1 John 3:2)
   C. We glory in tribulation because...
      1. We can identify with Christ. (Romans 8:29)
      2. We grow in character.
      5. We will one day receive a greater reward. (Matthew 5)
   D. God's love will be secure in the future if he loved us enough to save us through the cross. (Philippians 1:6)
Application questions:

1. What is the relationship between righteousness and peace? Explain.

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2. What does it mean that the grace of God is the only place a person can hide from sin?

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3. How is suffering to be viewed differently in light of the promises to come?

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