

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.

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

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