

Hope as a result of righteousness by faith (Roman 5:1-21)

Review of the previous lessons:

- Paul wants to present the Good news -- the gospel to the Roman church
- Bad news that all humanity has sinned against God, and are facing the wrath/judgement
- The saving righteousness of God, not only in his justice, faithfulness to his promise, God himself is the right standard/anchor, but also in the forgiving of sins because he has placed the punishment for those sins on his sinless Son.

Assurance of hope -- the result of righteousness by faith (Romans 5:1-11)

1. Result of we have been justified by faith
 - a) Peace with god - relational gain (5:1)
 - b) Rejoice in hope of the glory of God - emotional and characteristic gain (5:2)
2. What is hope?
 - a) True hope, hope of the truth
 - b) The hope that leads us through sufferings (5:3-4)
 - c) The hope that never fails (5:5-8)
3. Why can we have hope? Salvation complete
 - a) Justified through Christ's blood (5:9)
 - b) Saved through Christ's life (5:10)
 - c) Rejoice in Christ (5:11)

Hope in Christ's triumph over Adam's sin - the origin of righteousness by faith (Romans 5:12-21)

1. Result of Adam's sin (5:12-14) - sin entered the world and all mankind sinned
 - a) Death is the price of sin (5:12)
 - b) The Law and sin (5:13-14)
 - c) Adam was a pattern of Christ (5:14)
2. The second Adam (5:15-17)
 - a) Grace through Christ (5:15)
 - b) Gift follows justification (5:16)
 - c) Christ is to reign over our lives (5:17)
3. Adam vs Jesus Christ (5:18-21)
 - a) Trespass vs Obedience (5:18-19)
 - b) Law vs Grace (5:20)
 - c) Grace might reign through righteousness (5:21)

Key words: hope, rejoice, love, spirit, grace, salvation

Questions:

How is Christian hope (Rom. 5:2) different from the way most people think of hope?

What is the significance of noting that Christ died for us “while we were still sinners” (Rom. 5:8)?

How is the free gift of grace not like the trespass (Rom. 5:15)?

What does it mean to be under the realm of Christ rather than under the realm of Adam?

