

Sermon Outline

Romans Series, Part 4: The Blessings of Justification (4:1-11)

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Main Idea: In part 4 of our Romans series, Paul reveals to us the many blessings that are ours in and through our faith in Jesus Christ.

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1. What we have (v1-5)
 - I. We have Peace with God
 - II. We have access to stand in grace
 - III. We rejoice in hope of God's glory
 - IV. We rejoice in sufferings
2. What we were (v6-10)
3. What Christ did (v6-11)

Key Text/Quotes:

"The pursuit of peace is a universal human obsession, whether it is international, industrial, domestic or personal peace. Yet more fundamental than all these is peace with God, the reconciled relationship with him which is the first blessing of justification. Thus, 'justification' and 'reconciliation' belong together, for God does not confer the status of righteousness upon us without at the same time giving himself to us in friendship and establishing peace between himself and us." -John Stott

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Romans 4:1-11 and open in prayer.
2. Robin's sermon sought to highlight the massively important reality of the blessings that are ours in Christ that Paul now unpacks in Romans 5. Discuss the topic of "peace" and man's pursuit of it in this fallen world, and how true peace begins and ends with God in Christ.
3. Clearly, we are to and can rejoice in our sufferings. What does this mean? What are some ways that it can be misunderstood?
4. How is it helpful to be reminded that we were Weak, Ungodly, Sinners and Enemies of God when God saved us? If Christ for us in such a state, how much more should we be helped to know of the security and love that we have from God in Christ?
5. Close in prayer, thanking God for the abundant blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus.

