

OUR HOPE OF SHARING GOD'S GLORY

Romans 5:1-21

Lesson 5

Key Verse: 5:2

* PEACE WITH GOD [a changed life and a changed direction] (5:1-11)

1. What can we learn indirectly in verses 1-11 about our relationship with God and our inner condition before we were justified?
2. What is the fundamental change that takes place in our lives when we are justified through faith? What are some of the practical changes? What does it mean to have peace with God?
3. When we are standing in God's grace, what gives us joy? Why?
4. What is the worldly consensus regarding suffering and hardship? What should be our attitude toward suffering? How does God use suffering in our lives?
5. What is perseverance? What is character? What is the outcome of God's training through suffering?
6. How can we be sure that God will save us and give us eternal life and heaven? Can we have a sure hope in heaven? Why?
7. What does it mean to rejoice in God? What do verses 1-11 teach us about God's love? How can we learn to rejoice in God?

* IN ADAM OR IN CHRIST (12-21)

8. How did sin enter the world and spread? What was the result? Who was the one man and how did he sin?
9. Why was sin not clearly exposed as sin in the period from Adam to Moses? What is the consequence of sin, even when it is not called sin?
10. In what respect is Adam a pattern of Jesus? How is Jesus different from Adam? What do these verses (12-21) teach us about Jesus' significance in history? About the importance of one man and one act?
11. What is the difference in being in Christ and being in Adam?