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The Blessings of Justification

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Romans 5:1-11

Introduction: *New cars and a conversion experience. Often our salvation experience (justification) becomes stale and routine. Do you remember how you felt when you made the decision to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation i.e the peace, the freedom from guilt, the realization that you would spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord Himself. Too often, however, our salvation becomes commonplace and drab. The miracle of salvation loses its luster - we even forget to thank God regularly for the greatest gift we could receive, the gift of God's love, mercy and grace and the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross in our place. The purpose of this message today is to remind us of the wonderful blessings that came with our justification by faith.*

The first 8 chapters of Romans are divided into three parts: Condemnation, Justification and Sanctification. Our text comes from the very end of the section on Justification.

- I. Our justification brings "peace with God" (Verse 1)
 - A. Justification is a one-time legal declaration with continuing results.

Question: Did you know that God has declared Himself to be at war with every human being because of man's sinful, rebellion against Him? (Romans 1:18, 5:10, 8:7)

Question: What is the difference between the peace of God and peace with God?

- Peace with God is an external objective reality.
- The peace of God refers to an internal sense of calm and serenity.

B. Justification results in the fact that the sinner's war with God is ended forever.

II. Our justification brings our standing in grace. (Verse 2a)

A. You received this introduction into this grace through Jesus Christ.

B. This is a permanent, eternal position. ("in which we stand")

Question: Is there a difference between the believer's "standing" and "state"?

III. Our justification causes us to exult in our "hope of glory" and in our "tribulation". (Verse 2b)

A. The word "hope" in the New Testament refers to something that is certain but not yet realized. (Rom. 8:24)

Question: How secure is that "hope"? (1 Tim. 1:11)

B. That "hope" includes everything that goes with sharing the "glory of God".

("Tribulation in this verse to be considered in another message; but it too is a blessing of Justification. The Greek word here is not the normal pressures of living - but the inevitable trouble that comes to the follower of Christ because of our relationship with Him.)

IV. Our justification has resulted in "the love of God poured out within our hearts" (verses 5b - 8)

A. This "love" came through the Holy Spirit. (Verse 5b)

B. This "love" came when we were still "helpless" (v. 6) and while we were yet "sinners"

Question: When was the "right time"? (Verse 6 and Gal. 4:4)

V. Our justification has provided certain escape from divine wrath. (verses 9-10)

A. Could we change the word "blood" to "death"?

B. Does "blood" simply refer to the fluid?

C. What word in verses 10 and 11 indicates that sinners (you and I) are no longer at war with God?

D. What is the meaning of "we shall be saved by His life"?

VI. Justification has resulted in our joy in the Lord. (Verse 11)

Synonyms for "exult" - rejoice, be joyful, be delighted, be elated, be ecstatic, jubilant, rapturous, thrilled, jump for joy, be on cloud nine be on seventh Heaven, relish

Question: How much do we "exult" over our justification, our salvation?

Conclusion: *Have you forgotten that your salvation was a miracle of love and grace? We have seen 6 blessings that come with our justification. Have you praised or thanked the Lord for what He has done for you? Which of these blessings are especially meaningful for you? As Brian sings "It took a miracle" talk to the Lord about the miracle that has taken place in your heart.*