

“The Romans Road Rebooted”—Part 8

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It is because we are JUSTIFIED in Christ that we have PEACE with God! (5:1-11)

1. The only way for us to have peace with God, is by the WORK of CHRIST. (v.1)

- **ROMANS 5:10 (ESV)**

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- **EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (ESV)**

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

2. Through the work of Christ we have obtained ACCESS by FAITH into GRACE. (v.2)

- **EPHESIANS 2:18-22 (ESV)**

¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- **JOHN 10:7-10 (ESV)**

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

- **PHILIPPIANS 1:27-28 (ESV)**

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

3. Since we have peace with God through Christ, we have a HOPE in which to REJOICE in all THINGS at all TIMES. (vs. 3-5)

- **JAMES 1:2-9 (ESV)**

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

✚ ***Hope cannot be temporary, momentary or inconsistent and it cannot be dictated by emotion or how we feel, for our hope is not just “here and now” but it is a blessed hope that ultimately realized and fulfilled at Christ’s return.***

4. Our hope is Christ, for while we were still WEAK and UNABLE, still SINNERS, and still ENEMIES, Christ died for us. (vs. 6-12)

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...

The work of Christ is no MINOR thing. (5:12-21)

1. Adam represents more than himself regarding sin. He represents ALL of his POSTERITY. (vs. 12-14)

- ROMANS 3:21-26 (ESV)

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

✚ ***The thing we must understand is that although we are all sinners because of Adam, we are not better off than he and we are not less responsible or accountable for our sin.***

2. Just as Adam represents all of his posterity, so does Christ, but in a more PERFECT way. (vs. 15-17)

- ROMANS 6:23 (ESV)

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- JOHN 1:12-13 (ESV)

¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

- ROMANS 4:4-5 (ESV)

⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

✚ ***Let us be reminded that justification means that sin is absolved or the debt is paid in full. It does not mean that our sin is excused. Therefore, our lives ought to reflect a knowledge of the debt that has been paid.***

- 1 JOHN 2:3-6 (ESV)

³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

3. The FREE GIFT of Jesus Christ is for those he came to SAVE. (vs. 18-19)

✚ ***Did Jesus come to save all of mankind?***

✚ ***If Jesus came to save all mankind and some go to hell, then Jesus' gift is imperfect and He cannot be God, for whatever God commands or speaks comes into existence.***

✚ **However, if Jesus came to save all he had chosen, then Jesus' gift is perfect and complete.**

- **MATTHEW 22:14 (ESV)**

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

- **JOHN 17:6-12 (ESV)**

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

✚ **Just as Jesus chose His disciples from among men, He has chosen who might believe.**

- **JOHN 10:24-30 (ESV)**

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

✚ **In verse 18, it does not tell us that the sin of all mankind is justified, but that we who are to predestined to believe in Christ Jesus are justified and made righteous. These are those given to Him. These are His sheep.**

The Arminian opposition to this Doctrine:

The Arminians were also known as *Remonstrants*. They taught election on the basis of foreseen faith, a universal atonement, resistible grace, and the possibility of lapse from grace. Arminianism was submitted in Holland in 1610 but was rejected in 1619 on the ground that it was unscriptural and heretical by the Church at the Synod at Dort. The Church stood against Arminianism with more than just doctrine, but the Word of God. Some think that the five points of Arminianism were trying to debunk "Calvinism" or the claims of predestination unto salvation. However, it is to the contrary. The five points of Calvinism, which were not formulated by Calvin himself, but by the Synod at Dort, were used to show that what was proposed by the Remonstrants of the Arminianist view was unbiblical. As a result over 300 ministers were expelled from the Dutch Church for their disagreement with the orthodox doctrinal teaching of the Church as heretics. The "five points of Calvinism" are (1) Total depravity, (2) unconditional election or God's election, (3) Limited or Particular Atonement, (4) irresistible grace or effectual calling, (5) perseverance or preservation of the saints.

4. The LAW was given to show us our NEED of the GRACE of God unto SALVATION and how short we truly fall. Where sin INCREASES, so does GRACE abound. (vs. 20-21)

- **ROMANS 3:20 (ESV)**

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

- **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 3 (ESV)**

✚ **Our objective is not self-perfection, but to be perfected daily by the Author and Perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12).**