

The Justified Have Peace With God

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:1-11 NIV



Sunday School Lesson:

Freed From the Past

Lesson Scripture:

Romans 6:1-14

Unifying Topic:

Freedom from Sin

Main Thought:

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.
Romans 6:5 (KJV)

Unconditional Love

Love languages have been a mass phenomenon in today's culture. Physical touch, quality time, acts of service, gifts, and words of affirmation are what is known today as the five love languages. Love languages should be demonstrated unconditionally. Try demonstrating the love languages to someone unconditionally. Many in this world cannot demonstrate a love language unconditionally to someone, let alone give unconditional love. God is the true definition of what it means to be and show unconditional love, and that love was shown through His Son, Jesus Christ. The scripture speaks about being justified, having the opportunity to have a relationship with Christ, and of confidence. However, to boast in the hope of the glory of God (vs 2), will lead to finding glory in suffering which produces perseverance, character, and hope (vs 3). Placing emphasis on God's unconditional love (verse 6) hits home because Christ died for the ungodly.

Think about that, Christ died for everyone, the sinful, the unforgiving, the immoral, and the deceptive humans. That is love, unconditional love. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, one can be reconciled with God. Being reconciled with Christ gives the opportunity to see His face one day. So, accept Christ as Lord and Savior, get baptized in His name, and intentionally live a life that is pleasing to God by repenting and turning away from sins!

Talking Point(s):

1. How have you shown unconditional love to someone?
2. Do you feel cocky when you are boastful in Christ? Why or why not?
3. What would it take for you to lay your life on the line for someone? Would you do it for someone who doesn't deserve it? How about for someone who did you wrong at some point in your life? Why or why not?

Prayer:

God, thank you for Your unconditional grace, mercy, and love. Lord, as we pray, we ask that you touch the hearts of those who may not know you. Thank you for all that you have done, will do, and continue to do. We love you, we thank you, and will continue to give you praise. For it is in your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen!