

Our Precious Faith

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Romans 5:1-11

The apostle Paul slogs through some heavy material getting to Romans 5, but itâ??s worth it. First, he establishes humankindâ??s sinfulness. God is fully justified in placing everyone under His judgment. Paul sums up, â??There is no one righteous, not even oneâ?• (3:10).

There is, however, one hopeâ??â??through the righteousness that comes by faithâ?• (4:13). This faith is not in us. It is Godâ??s gift: â??Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now standâ?• (5:1-2a).

In this grace we have peace with God. We are justifiedâ??made rightâ??before a holy God. In this grace we â??boast in the hope of the glory of God,â?• and we even â??glory in our sufferingsâ?• (vv. 2-3). We know that even those sufferings will produce hope. This hope is the result of Godâ??s love â??poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spiritâ?• (v. 4).

How much does God love us? Enough that, â??While we were still sinners, Christ died for usâ?• (v. 8).

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