

Sermon Reflections

The Results of our Justification: We Exult in God Because the Gospel Brings Us all the Way to Glory (Romans 5:1–11) **Guest Teacher: Paul Adams, GBC Co-Laborer**

Summary: Justification is a one-time legal declaration by God that a believer is righteous. This cannot be reversed and has continuing results that change our relationship with God and brings us through the trials and tribulations of this life all the way to glory.

Six Results of our Justification:

1. We Have Peace with God (v. 1)

- Why does peace with God matter for the Christian? How does one live life differently because of this peace? Who might you share this great news with this week?

2. We Have Access to Abiding Grace (v. 2a)

- Read Rom 8:12–17: what does one aspect of our access to God look like? Why is this relationship so amazing? How does this ongoing, current access to God and His grace effect our entanglements with sin? How does this bolster our ability to encourage one another?

3. We Rejoice in the Hope of the Glory of God (v. 2b)

- What does the world's joy and hope rest in? Is there a similarity between you and the world? What should your joy and hope rest in? What does it mean to "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God"? How can you remember this joy (think of practical ways) on a daily basis?

4. We Rejoice in Our Sufferings (vv. 3–4)

- Why is suffering for the gospel, the best kind of suffering? Have you been rejected for the gospel? What should this rejection look like? Read 2 Cor 11:16–31: What can you learn from Paul's experiences? How does God use our sufferings to bring Him glory (what are some examples from your life)? Who are some saints that have encouraged you in this area?

5. The Love of God has been Poured into Our Hearts (v. 5)

- What does the love of God look like in the life of true believers? (See Rom 12:9–21 and 13:8–14) Why might the local church be the best place to witness and practice this type of love? Read 1 Cor 13:1–7: How might you practice this love amongst the body in the coming weeks?

6. We will be Saved from the Future Wrath of God (vv. 6–11)

- How does being saved from the future wrath of God give you a confidence in life? Are you saved from the just wrath of God? How has Christ secured this reconciliation (vv. 6–11, Heb 9:11–22)? How does this salvation change the way that you care for the souls of others?