

WALKING THROUGH ROMANS - PART 8

ROMANS CHAPTER 5 - RIGHTEOUSNESS EXPERIENCED: THE RESULTS OF FAITH

We're walking through Romans. This is Lesson Eight, and we are continuing this study as we move through the text. Tonight we are dealing with righteousness experienced—the results of faith.

The driving question that carries the entire book remains: Has God remained faithful in a fractured world?

Up to this point, Paul has made something clear: the human condition is real, and we could not make ourselves right. So God made a way to make us right. Righteousness is received by faith—not earned, not achieved, but trusted.

Now Paul moves us forward. Faith is not just something we believe; it is something we live in. We walk by faith. Now Paul begins to show what life looks like when righteousness is not just understood, but experienced.

Romans chapter five answers a new question: what happens after someone believes? If righteousness is real, then it should produce something real.

BUCKET ONE - ROMANS 5:1-2

Paul begins with the immediate result of being justified by faith. Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

To be justified means to be declared right. The verdict has already been made. Because of that, we now have peace—not just internal calm, but the end of hostility between us and God.

Through Christ, we have obtained access to grace. This is the position in which we now stand—not temporarily, but as a new standing. This grace is not earned; it is given.

That means our position has changed. We once stood in death, but now we stand in life. Because of that, we must stop living like we are still trying to earn what God has already settled.

Paul then says we boast in hope of sharing in the glory of God. This hope is not wishful thinking—it is confident expectation.

This points to both present reality and future expectation. We are standing in grace now, but we are also moving toward the fullness of God's presence. What God has started is moving toward something greater.

BUCKET TWO - ROMANS 5:3-5

Paul now moves from what we have to how we live—especially under pressure.

He says we also boast in our sufferings. That word suffering refers to pressure.

But that pressure produces something. It produces endurance—the ability to remain steady. Endurance produces character—something tested and proven. Character produces hope—confident expectation.

Paul is showing progression. What we go through, when held in faith, does not break us—it builds something in us.

He then says this hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Even in pressure, God is still pouring. What is happening to us is also producing something in us. Do not waste the pressure.

BUCKET THREE - ROMANS 5:6-8

Paul now grounds everything in what God has done.

While we were still weak—unable to fix ourselves—Christ died for us.

God proves His love through action. This is not assumed love; this is demonstrated love. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This shows that sin is addressed through Christ. The cross is where it is dealt with.

You do not have to question God's love. The cross settled that. Now live like you believe it.

BUCKET FOUR - ROMANS 5:9-11

Paul closes by showing the full scope of salvation—past, present, and future.

We have been justified, and we are saved from wrath. We are also reconciled, meaning the relationship has been restored.

If God reconciled us at our worst, then our future is secure. The same God who did not walk away then is not about to walk away now.

Faith is not just about being declared right; it is about living in what that declaration produces.

FINAL TAKEAWAY

Faith produces real results: peace with God, a new position, purpose in pressure, demonstrated love, and security in the future.

The question is not just do you believe, but are you living in what faith produces.