

# Peace With God Through Jesus

Lesson 4

November 3

Romans 5:1-6:11;

Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore, since we have been \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:1)



Why do we even need to be worried about having peace with God? Because his righteous wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness (1:18). We sin and fall short of his glory (3:23). The relationship we were created for is severed by our sins. But did you hear the news in Romans 5:1? Peace with God is available through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember how Jesus was described in Romans 3:25:

...whom God put forward as a \_\_\_\_\_ by his blood, to be received by faith.

Why would God do such a thing for sinners? Romans 5:6-8 provides the answer:

For while we were still \_\_\_\_\_, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his \_\_\_\_\_ for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for \_\_\_\_\_.

And when Jesus served as that propitiation—that atoning sacrifice for our sins—what happened? What is made available to us?

Through him we have also obtained \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ into this \_\_\_\_\_ in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (5:2)

We can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ! Now here's a critically important point that Paul wants to be crystal clear on: if Jesus is my Lord, what about sin? If God is willing to show me such amazing grace, does that mean I can still do whatever I want, even if it's sinful? Listen carefully:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By \_\_\_\_\_ means! How can we who \_\_\_\_\_ to sin still live in it? (6:1-2)

Okay, we can't keep living in sin, but all of this leads to a really important question: how can I die to sin? Paul has talked with us a lot about faith (1:17; 3:22, 25-28; 4:11-12; 5:1-2). Is there anything I need to do?

Do you not know that all of us who have been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were \_\_\_\_\_ therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in \_\_\_\_\_ of life. (6:3-4)

It's the same message Paul preached to the churches in Galatia (Gal 3:26-29). Sin enslaves us, but redemption is available through the atoning sacrifice provided by God (Rom 6:5-6). In Christ Jesus, we can die to sin and God can raise us to newness of life (6:11). Let's talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- “Peace with God” (5:1). In your own words, what is that? Why is it such a blessing?
- What disrupted our “peace with God”? According to **Romans 5:6-10**, what impact did that disruption have on us?
- But who has been provided as the answer to the enormous problem we’ve made? How would you rephrase **Romans 5:2** in your own words?
- Let’s read **Romans 5:3-5** together. Why do you think Paul brings up “sufferings” at this point in his letter? Can something good actually come from “sufferings”? If so, what? How?
- In **Romans 5:11**, Paul uses the word “reconciliation.” What does that word mean? How does it relate to what Jesus has done for us?
- Let’s read **Romans 5:12-14** together. What is Paul describing? And once again, who is the answer? How would you rephrase **5:20-21** in your own words?
- Why would anyone think they could do what Paul is warning us against in **6:1**?
- Why do you think Paul responds as sharply as he does in **6:2**?
- “So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (**6:11**). What does this mean? Why is it important? What is it going to look like if I live the way this verse is calling me to live this week?