

**The Benefits of Righteousness
and the Way of Salvation
(Romans 5:1-11)**

Prologue: Prophetic Words while at Elmbrook Church

2. Some Numbers Don't Matter

1. Hunker Down!

I. The Benefits of Righteousness (Romans 5:1-5 ESV)

- **5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God.
- **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
- **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's **love** has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

I. The Benefits of Righteousness

A. Peace (with God)

- Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1 ESV)
- The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with **peace**. (Psalm 29:11 KJV)
- And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 ESV)

B. Hope

1. In Everlasting Life

- ² Through him we have also obtained access **by faith** into this **grace** in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. (Romans 5:2)
- “For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV)
- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes** in him should not perish but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be **saved** through him.” (John 3:16 ESV)

B. Hope

2. In the Glory of God

- ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. (Romans 5:2)
- Crossing from “the wrath of God” against sinfulness: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18 ESV)
- To the glory of God for righteousness: “Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” (Exodus 40:34 ESV)
- Creating spiritual change in us: “And we all, . . . beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.” (2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV)

B. Hope

3. Through Development of Character (Suffering, Endurance, Character, Hope)

- ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope (Romans 5:3-4 ESV)

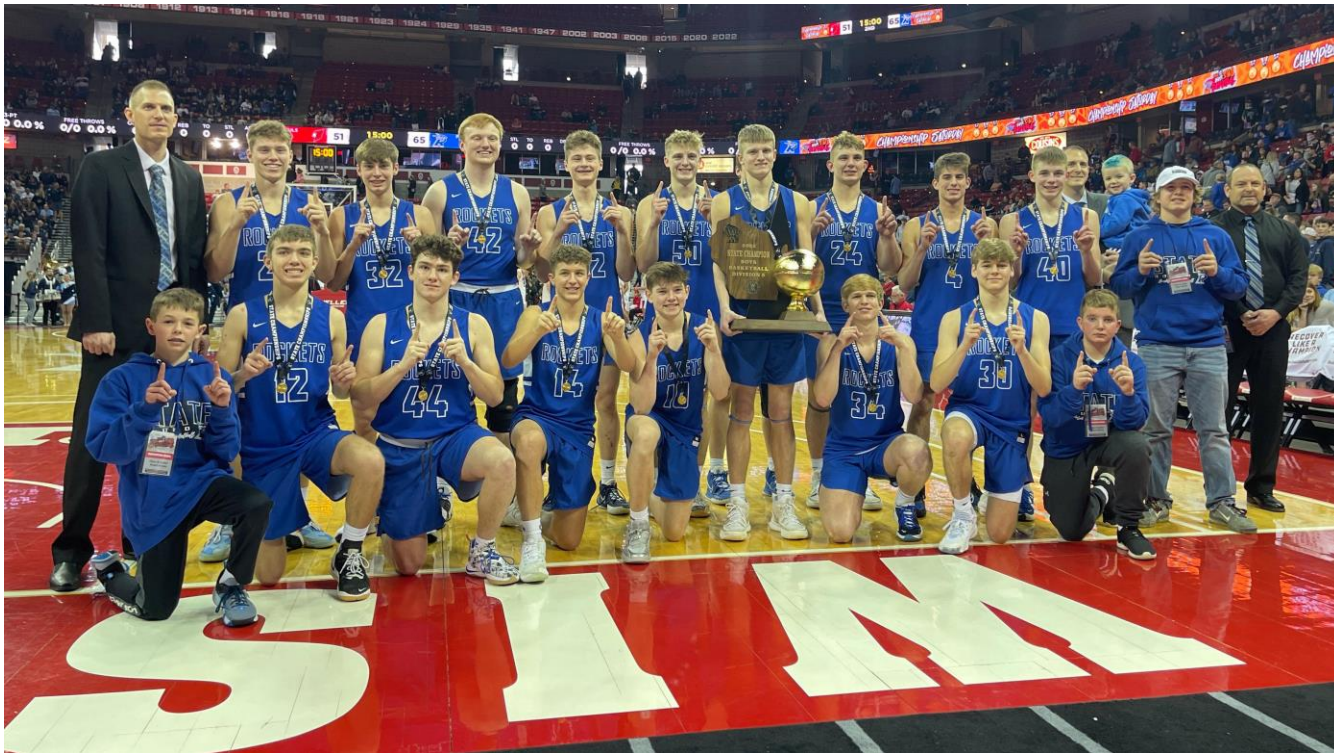
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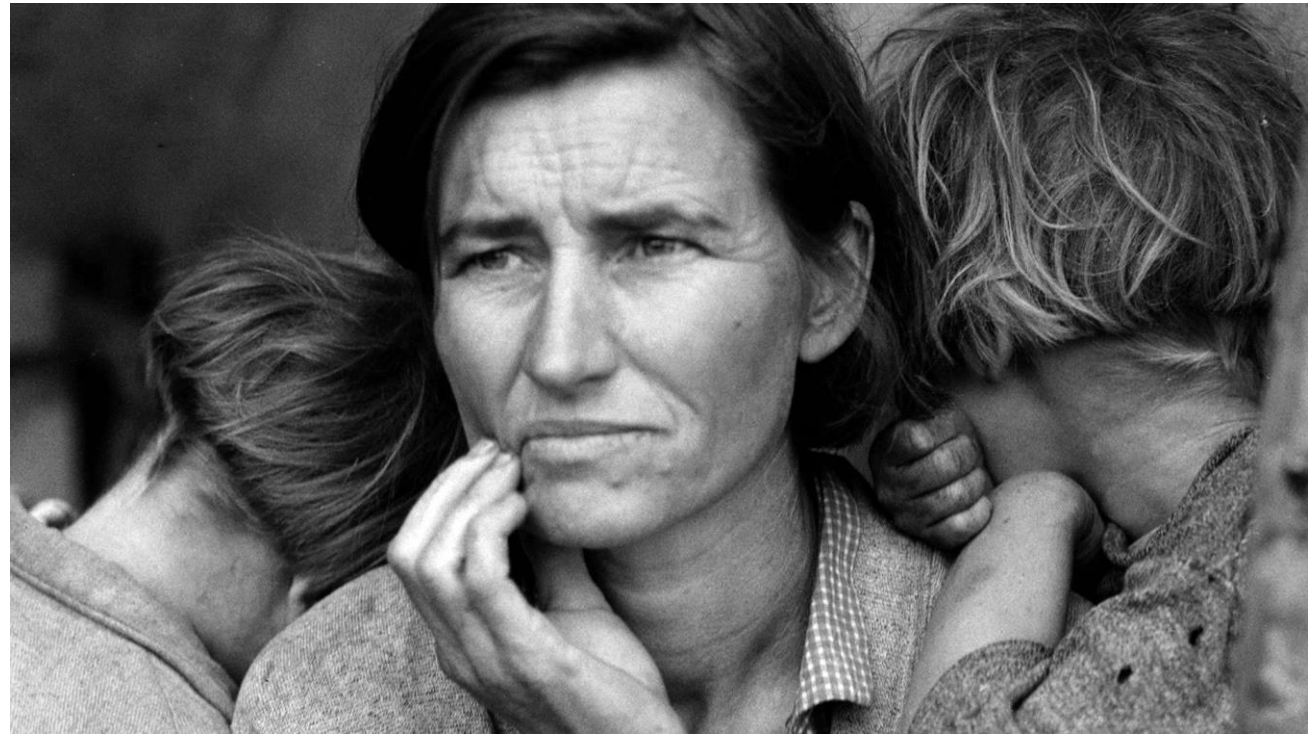
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C. Love

(Of God through the Holy Spirit)

- “and hope does not put us to shame, because God's **love** has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:5 ESV)
- “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27 ESV)
- “And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5 ESV)

II. The Way of Salvation (Romans 5:6-11)

- ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—
- ⁸ **but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**
- ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Way of Salvation: Jesus Christ

- “For I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).



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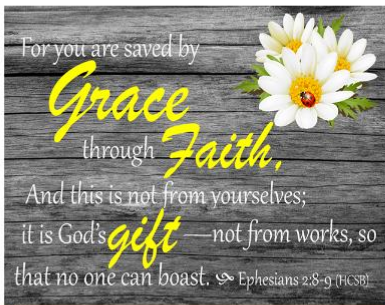
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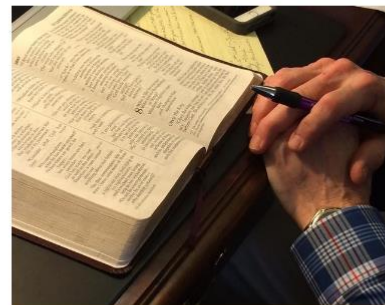
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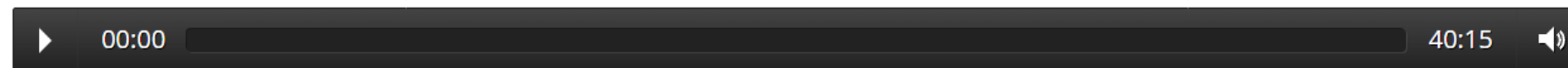
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HAVING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



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What do we need to know about God?

God loves us and wants us to have a personal relationship with Him.

God loves us even if we haven't loved him.

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us." (1 John 4:10)

God wants us to know him.

The Bible says God is at work in everyone's life. *"So that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us." (Acts 17:27)*

What is wrong with us?

Our relationship with God has been broken by sin.

We have all made choices showing we are inclined to be passively indifferent to God

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)

Or actively opposed to God

“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” (John 3:19-20)

The result of our choices to resist or ignore God results in spiritual death (separation from God).

“We are dead in trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1)

“And thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

What did God do for us?

God had provided a solution for our lost relationship.

Jesus Christ came to do what we could not do for ourselves.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

He came into the world to bring us to his Father.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:6)

He died in our place to pay the penalty for our sin.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.” (1 Peter 3:18)

He rose from the dead to show that his claims were true.

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.”

(1 Corinthians 15:3-6)

What do we need to do?

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Our own efforts to earn God's acceptance are inadequate.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5)

We must admit our need for forgiveness.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'" (Luke 18:13)

We must receive Christ and his offer of salvation as a gift.

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." (John 1:12)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Let Us Pray



Dear God,

I know that my sin has separated me from You.

Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price for my sins by dying on the cross and making a way for me to be reconciled with You.

Dear Jesus, by faith, I invite you into my life as my personal Savior and Lord.

Amen.