

Romans 5:1-11 In Due Time

11/8/09 - The Exchange

I. Running start

II. 5:1-11

A. 5:1

1. **justified** - made as things ought to be. "justice is restored"
2. **peace with God** - did you know you are at war with God apart from Jesus? Cold war. Whole problem in **Genesis 6**.

B. 5:2

1. **through whom we** - followed by two things
 - a) **first thing**
 - (1) **have access by faith** - Eph 2:11-21. Eph. 3:8-12.
 - (2) **into this grace in which we stand** - do you stand, are you firmly planted in God's grace?
 - b) **second thing**
 - (1) **rejoice** - rejoice, glory, joy (as a verb).
 - (2) **in hope** - expectation of evil is fear, expectation of good is nope.
 - (3) **of the glory of/from God** - glory here is same as 3:23. Praise, honor, glory. "God approves of me." Isn't that what we all want, the approval of others? Can't get God's based on our works.

C. 5:3

1. **glory** - word for rejoice
2. **tribulations** - pressure, press together. Why rejoice? Purpose!
3. **knowing that tribulation produces** - pressure produces good and bad stuff. **produces** - works, performs, fashions/makes, accomplishes, achieves.
 - a) good stuff - juice, massage, hyperbaric chamber
 - b) bad stuff - pain, physical (congestion, injury), emotional (peer, expectations). Even those can lead to good stuff.
4. **perseverance** - endurance (like a runner), patience in waiting. What are you having to persevere though? Gal. 5:1, context of pressure from Judaizers.
 - a) While the process of patience is waiting for external stuff to change thereby stopping the pressure, the pressure is designed to change us.
 - b) "This needs to change because I'm entitled to it being this way." Sometimes yes, sometimes no, but it is under the pressure of perseverance that we are forced to examine ourselves. **tribulation produces perseverance...**

D. 5:4

1. **character** - something that has been tested, proved, tried, approved. "kid tested, mother approved"
 - a) Came from those who used full-weight coins, not shaved down ones. The real deal.
 - b) What's being examined? Not worth or value, our stand.
2. **hope** - full circle. Increases trust in Jesus. Becoming the real deal. It's a cycle. Made it through that, next!

E. 5:5

1. **disappoint** - make ashamed. Hope doesn't do this.
 - a) Have you ever felt disappointed in God? May I suggest that It's because you had a false expectation? That you created or bought into a scenario that isn't from the Lord and expected one thing but got another?
 - b) Can only end in disappointment. Hope doesn't end like that. Why?
2. **love** - agape, completely given over to
3. **of God** - from God
4. **poured out** - great picture!
5. **by** - through, by means of the HS.
6. **given** - just that. Are you aware of His presence in your life? We typically know when we have something, but sometimes we take things for granted. CANNOT do that with the HS. He is our conduit to heaven!
7. The process of tribulation, resulting in perseverance, resulting in hope, is fueled by the love that comes from God being poured into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit. *What does your process produce?*

F. Need to remind that Paul's overall context is salvation, justification. Paul seems to have taken a short application side track.

G. 5:6 Jesus died for us at the right time. Pre-Jesus looked forward to, post-Jesus looked back to, both applied to the "now".

H. 5:7 Are you feeling humble yet? No room for self-righteousness, Jew or Amercun.

I. 5:8 **demonstrates** - introduce, present, stand with, assemble. This is the answer to the "If God is so loving" question. **John 3:16, Galatians 2:20, 1 John 4:9-10**. Remember, you have to understand the problem in order to understand the solution.

J. 5:9-11

1. Why wrath? Enemies of God, at war with God. Final wrath to come on the world, and after.
2. **2 Cor. 5:17-21**.

III. Wrap up

- A. Are you engaged in a cold war with God or at peace with Him?
- B. Do you take advantage of the access you have to His grace, or do you expect Him to come down to your level?
- C. Do you rejoice in tribulations, experiencing God's love being poured out into you by the HS, or do you set up your own rules and expectations only to be disappointed?
- D. God loves you. He proved it by sending Jesus to die you to, in order that you might be reconciled to God though faith in Jesus.
- E. When He sees you, He sees Jesus. What do others see? What do you see?