

Salvation: Why? and How?
Romans Chapters One to Five
Calvary Baptist Church

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Sermon 13: The Benefits of Justification, A Chronology

Romans 5:1-11

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**SERMON 1: THE BENEFITS OF JUSTIFICATION, A
CHRONOLOGY (5:1-11)**

INTRODUCTION:

QUOTE: The assurance which this passage embodies covers the whole life of the justified man, past, present, and future, so that the blessings which have begun will continue, and will be consummated at last.

Scroggie, *Salvation and Behavior*

"Therefore" in Romans Marking the Sections				
VERSE	TITLE	SECTION	FOCUS	APPLICATION
Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith."	Justification	3:21 to 4:25	Salvation	Assurance
Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation."	Sanctification	Chapters 6 and 7	Sanctification	Attainment
Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore ... present your bodies."	Dedication	All of chapters 1 to 11	Service	Activity

I. The Believer's Present (5:1-5)

A. Connected with God (5:1-2)

QUOTE: We have been, and now are justified. We who have been justified by God are justified forever. Scroggie

1. We Have Peace With God (5:1B; 8:7; Col. 1:21-22)

WE HAVE - Never dismiss true Christianity as "pie in the sky bye and bye." Relationship with Jesus is a banquet table piled high with a feast we can enjoy here and now. *Bible Reader's Companion*.

2. We Have Access into Grace (2A; Heb. 10:19-25)

QUOTE: "Access into grace" here, means that we have been introduced into the sphere of justification of which Paul has been speaking, and there we abide; and it is in this atmosphere that "we have peace with God." In these immortal words we are assured of peace and acceptance, and peace because of acceptance. *Salvation and Behavior*

3. We Joyfully Anticipate God's Glory (2B)

QUOTE: "The glory of God" means the Glory of His Presence, His brightness and splendour, which was symbolized by the Shekinah over the mercy seat in the Tabernacle of old. The Apostle says that participation in this Glory is the believer's "hope." Not only at last shall we enter into that Glory, but we shall partake of it; we shall be glorified with Him (Rom. 8:17). Because of this we are to "exult" vocally, "to boast." This is a consequence of our justification which lies in the eternal future, and in which we should now rejoice. *Scroggie*

B. Confident in God (5:3-5)

1. A Perspective in Trials (5:3; Jer. 12:5)

QUOTE: There are inevitable trials and testings. The sequence in verses 3 and 4 comes not so much from theological reflection as from religious experience. Paul

knew what it was to be tested in the furnace of affliction; he uses *thlipsis* to describe his sufferings in 2 Cor. 1:8; 2:4; 6:4; Eph. 3:13; etc.

In just a few years Romans Christians would undergo persecution at the hands of **Nero** and his cohorts. There may come a day – perhaps in the not too distant future – when Christians of the Free World will have to choose between physical **torture**, even unto death, and renouncing the name of Christ. The lesson for today: the more we stand up under pressure **now**, the better we shall endure in rougher times. *Proclaiming the New Testament*

2. **A Purpose in Trials (5:3B–5A; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 2 Cor. 1:3-4)**

TRIBULATION – Gk., *thlipsis*. **Pressure**.

PATIENCE – Gk., *hupomone*. **Fortitude**, endurance.

EXPERIENCE – Gk., *dokime*. **Tested** and proven worthy, sufficient.

HOPE – Gk., *elpis*. Hope, **expectation**.

So, pressure teaches me how to endure, how not to fall apart. Endurance, doing what is demanded of me in spite of the difficulty, results in character that has been tested, approved and demonstrated to others. That character results in a confident expectation that God will act!

MAKETH NOT ASHAMED – Gk., *Ou kataischunei*. Does not put to **shame**, dishonor, disgrace.

3. **A Person in Trials (5:5B)**

SHED ABROAD - "Poured out" (5:5). God's inexhaustible supply of love is poured out generously by the Holy Spirit who lives **within** us. Whatever happens to us, we are surrounded by love. *Bible Reader's Companion*

CONCLUSION TO VERSES 1 TO 5

QUOTE: It is only when we realize that God is the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ that there comes into life that intimacy with him, that new relationship, which Paul calls justification.

Through Jesus, says Paul, we have an introduction to this grace in which we stand. The word he uses for introduction is *prosagoge* (<G4318>). It is a word with two great pictures in it.

(i) It is the regular word for introducing or ushering someone into the presence of **royalty**; and it is the regular word for the approach of the worshipper to God.

(ii) But *prosagoge* (<G4318>) has another picture in it. In late Greek it is the word for the place where ships come in, a **harbour** or a haven. If we take it that way, it means that so long as we tried to depend on our own efforts we were tempest-tossed, like mariners striving with a sea which threatened to overwhelm them completely, but now that we have heard the word of Christ, we have reached at last the haven of God's grace, and we know the **calm** of depending, not on what we can do for ourselves, but on what God has done for us.

Because of **Jesus** we have entry to the presence of the King of Kings and entry to the haven of God's grace. *Daily Study Bible*