

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Deb Barnum | Bangladesh



PRAISE

- Deb is enjoying her time on furlough. It had been 2 1/2 years since she had left Bangladesh.
 - During this time in the states, she has enjoyed visiting churches including Capital!
- Praise God for his provision in providing financially and through situations to allow Deb and others to get their exit visas with a lessened fine.
- Pray for Deb's transition from NGO to ABWE. This changes allows some small changes but many more open doors in teaching and reaching the Bangladesh people.

PRAY

- Pray for Bangladesh's election and for a free and fair election.
- Pray for the a new endeavor as Deb is writing some little 20 page Christian books for children. Deb has about 14 books completed but it still in need of an illustrator. Pray that she finds the right person for the job.

Handout: 12/01/24
Study Date: 12/08/24

Experience The Gift Of Peace

Romans 5 begins a new section of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. He has finished his argument, in chapters 1—4, that nobody can be made right with God by following the works of the law of Moses. This "justification" is impossible by works, because nobody follows the law well, let alone perfectly (Romans 3:10, 23). Human beings can only be declared righteous and escape God's angry judgment on our sin by faith in what He has done for us through Jesus' death, meant to pay for our sin, and His resurrection, which secures our justification (Romans 4:24–25).

Now Paul turns a corner, to describe what we have gained in being justified by faith. It's true that we have escaped the wrath of God, but being righteous before God means so much more than just not being punished for our sin.

Before jumping into these benefits, it's important to remember that Paul is writing to Christians. That is the context of his comments in this section, which should not be misunderstood. Paul's use of the term "we" in this passage is not universal—it does not apply to all of the entire human race. He is describing what is true for those who have trusted in Christ's work for our salvation. This is made explicitly clear by his explanation of faith and belief in the prior passages. Paul is not saying all people everywhere have peace with God, only those who, as he and his readers had done, have believed in the God who raised Jesus from the dead.

It's also helpful to notice that Paul describes this act of being justified by God, of becoming a believer, as something in the past. For those who are Christians, that transaction is complete. Our status before God will never again be in doubt. Paul does not describe a process, or a future event. Eternal salvation is accomplished once, and forever, when a person comes to faith in Christ.

Paul begins by showing that those who have been justified in God's eyes have peace with God. Paul does not mean by this that we feel peaceful, that we experience no anxiety. He means that we are right with God. We are at peace with God from now and through eternity. This is possible only "through our Lord Jesus Christ."

In Christ, God has made a permanent peace with us. And since He is the one who made it, it is peace that can never be lost.

Resource: Bibleref.com

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KEY VERSE

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Read Romans 5:1-11 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 5:1

Introduction

1. What truth is Romans 5:1 conveying to us as believers? How was it made possible for us to have eternal “*peace*” with God? How are we justified?
2. What does paragraph 3 on pg. 1 inform us of in regard to the peace we have with God through Jesus Christ? Is this peace experienced by *everyone*?

Tuesday: Romans 5:12; Isaiah 48:22

Experience Peace With God: Separate Yourself From Sin

3. What is the “hard truth” that Romans 5:12 teaches us about how sin entered the world? What is true of *us* regarding sin that is true for all men?
4. Indeed we are truly blessed by the promise of Romans 5:1 in having peace with our God. Who will have “*no peace*” according to Isaiah 48:22?

Wednesday: Rom. 5:1-2; Luke 1:47; Luke 2:11; Eph. 2:13-14

Experience Peace With God: Jesus Came To Provide Spiritual Peace

5. Now that we have peace with God “*through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” what is our next act of worship according to Romans 5:2?
6. In regard to Jesus, Ephesians 2:14, states that “*He Himself is our peace.*” What did He do to achieve this according to the rest of the verse?

Thursday: Pro. 29:25; Matt.6:25; II Tim. 1:7; Phl. 4:6-7; Col. 3:15

Experience Peace With Yourself

7. Indeed, as we walk through life we all experience fear. Even as believers! However, how does Proverbs 29:25 teach us to apply our faith to fear?
8. What valuable instruction is Matthew 6:25 bestowing on us in regard to “*worry*”? What “*worries*” do YOU need to apply this wisdom to right now?
9. We are comforted in Philippians 4:6 that “*the peace of God will guard our hearts.*” What else must we let God do in our “*hearts*”? (Colossians 3:15).

Friday: Jas. 4:1; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 12:18; Eph. 2:16; Heb. 12:14-15

Experience Peace With Others

10. James 4:1 asks the question: “*Where do fights come from among you*”? What answer does the verse give? Does this answer ever apply to YOU?
11. What simple, yet brilliant command does Romans 12:18 call us to as followers of Christ? What steps can we take to apply this on a daily basis?
12. What is Hebrews 12:15 clearly warning us about in regard to relationships with others? What can happen when a “*root of bitterness*” grows in us?