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Romans 5:1-11 KJV

"A Proven Love"

God's proven love is the basis of the Christian's hope.

John 3:16 NLT *For this is how God loved the world: He gave His One and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.* **Romans 1:17 NLT** *This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."*

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

The benefits of our justification by faith is peace with God.

Faith: Persuasion or conviction of a moral truth, reliance upon Christ for salvation

Peace: exemplified by the Hebrew word *shalom*. Here it means to satisfy or pay for an offense. Reconciliation. Making peace with God is not simply saying, "God, I'm not going to fight you any more." Restitution must occur and can happen only through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:18 KJV *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. v19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

Access: The veil of the temple has been torn open through the death of Christ (Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 10:19,20), and access is now available to all: not because of our efforts, but by the grace of God. He sees us through the eyes of Christ, our relationship is restored, we can now rejoice since the curse of sin has been removed.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience, and experience, hope:

Pain is not a sign that God has abandoned us. Our hope can never be taken from us, for it is based on the gracious expression of God's love through the giving of His Son, Jesus our

Lord. Paul knew that the Christians in Rome were suffering for their faith in Christ. As Jesus predicted, following Him requires that we take up our own crosses (Mark 8:34), die to self and live for Him (Romans 6:6) Some sufferings must be patiently endured. Hard trials serve to give us experience, which matures us and gives us hope.

Worketh: accomplish, achieve, bring intended results

Patience: Steadfastness, constancy, endurance. The characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Not disappointed. A hope that is certain because it is confirmed by the Holy Spirit who has poured out (Shed) the love of God in our hearts. All Christians share in the gift of the Holy Spirit, freely given by God to comfort and guide us.

6 For when we were yet without strength (still helpless), in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Unearned salvation. Without strength: refers to spiritual sickness, and our weaknesses when it comes to obeying the will of our Creator. Tragic stories of the Old Testament are summed up in the phrase "*when we were yet without strength*": In every case spiritual weakness led to sin. Those who are without strength are the ungodly. Yet despite this heinous disrespect, God sent His Son to die for us, "*in due time.*"

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure (possibly/perhaps) for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth (demonstrates/shows) His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,

This strong statement gives an unquestionable sense of proving that God loves us so much. He chooses to love us. Even though we do not deserve it.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Jesus needed to die only once, for He was the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. The blood of Christ and our faith in its saving power have the effect of making us righteous. The Bible promises that all will be subject to judgment after death (Acts 17:31) NIV *For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.*

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

In the midst of this one-sided battle, we were fighting against God. 2 Corinthians 5:18,20 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, v20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

This reconciliation/atonement word is used in the financial world of Paul's day and refers to paying up or to settle an account. The debt for sin is paid by God's Son. Our personal account, with all its sin debt, is paid in full by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

Song: *Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir "So You Will Know"*