

What Do Believers Receive?

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Scripture Basic: Romans 5:1-21

Focal: Romans 5:1-11

Outline:

II. What God Has Done for Man: Justification by Faith (1:18-11:36)

A. What It Is (1:18-5:21)

1. Universal need of righteousness (1:18-3:20)
2. Righteousness available by faith through Christ's atonement
(3:21-30)
3. This righteousness anticipated in the Old Testament (3:31-4:25)
4. The results of justification by faith (5:1-11)
 - a. Peace with God (5:1)
 - b. Access into the state of grace (5:2a)
 - c. Boast in the hope of the future glory of God (5:2b)
 - d. Exposition of the believer's hope (5:3-11)
5. The source of sin and death (Adam) vs. the source of
righteousness and life (Christ) (5:12-21)
 - a. Works of the first and second Adams compared (5:12-
19)
 - (1) Point of resemblance (5:12-14)
 - (2) Points of difference (5:15-17)
 - (3) Summary (5:18-19)

b. The function of the Law (5:20-21)

Applications:

1. The justified person is finally at peace with God (the war is over!).
2. The justified person has access into all of the riches of the grace of God - now.
3. The justified person looks forward to a glorious future with Christ.
4. All that man lost in Adam is regained in Christ:

a. Mortality - physical death

(Immortality - I Corinthians 15:51f., resurrection - I Corinthians 15:23)

b. Spiritual death - second death

(Regeneration - Ephesians 2:1, no condemnation - Romans 8:1)

c. Adamic nature - personal sins

(Holy Spirit control - Romans 6-8, eventual elimination - Romans 8:23, forgiveness - Ephesians 1:7)