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Romans 5:1-11

The apostle Paul slogs through some heavy material getting to Romans 5, but it's worth it. First, he establishes humankind's sinfulness. God is fully justified in placing everyone under His judgment. Paul sums up, "There is no one righteous, not even one" (3:10).

There is, however, one hope?"through the righteousness that comes by faith" (4:13). This faith is not in us. It is God's gift: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand" (5:1-2a).

In this grace we have peace with God. We are justified?made right?before a holy God. In this grace we "boast in the hope of the glory of God," and we even "glory in our sufferings" (vv. 2-3). We know that even those sufferings will produce hope. This hope is the result of God's love "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (v. 4).

How much does God love us? Enough that, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (v. 8).

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