

Romans: Instruments of Grace



It is only through faith in Jesus that we can come to God.

CORE SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-2

1) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2) through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

MAIN POINT

***"Faith (believing) gives us access into grace."
– Caleb Treat***

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are justified and now have peace with God. This justification brings hope, even in suffering, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Believers having died to sin through Christ, should no longer live in it. Baptism symbolizes this death and resurrection, calling Christians to live as instruments of righteousness, not slaves to sin.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How does the idea of being "justified by faith" challenge the way you think about earning God's approval? In what ways do you still try to "earn" what has already been freely given?
- What does it mean to live with the assurance that you are "saved from wrath" and fully reconciled to God? How might this change your approach to fear, guilt, or shame?
- What does it mean to be "crucified with Christ" and "no longer a slave to sin"? What would it look like to walk this in freedom?
- What does it practically look like to live as someone "alive to God"?
- Paul calls us to offer ourselves as instruments of righteousness. What are you currently offering yourself to—your time, energy, thoughts? How can you more intentionally offer yourself to God this week?

Father,

WE SEEK OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE AND KNOW THAT ONLY YOU, OUR CREATOR, CAN REVEAL IT TO US. GRANT US WISDOM AND CLARITY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PLAN FOR US. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.