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2013 Basic Doctrines (14) (Peace with God)

If you have a study Bible, you will notice that Paul just concluded an intensive lesson on Justification by Faith not Law in Romans Ch. 4.

Note that Paul extended his discussion of justification by faith into our lesson text of Peace with God (Rom.4:25-5:2). By this extension, Paul is teaching the concept of the **package of grace salvation** (50 Things Free)

(Rom.5:1-2) "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God."

This lesson will study five aspects of Peace with God

1. All member of the human race are physically born spiritual estranged from God by the 13 judicial charges of AOS (Adam's Original Sin) (Rom.3:23; 5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

These 13 judicial charges are referred as the Sin Barrier:

(Eph.2:14-15) "For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall (to mesotoichon tou phragmos), by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandment contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace."

(Col.1:20-21) "And through Him to <u>reconcile all things to Himself</u>, having made peace (eirenopoieo) (a.a.ptc.nsm) through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds.

By removing the barrier of AOS, Jesus made it possible for every member of the human race to have peace with God by saving grace through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

2. Jesus Christ became the PRICE of Peace <u>before He became the PRINCE of Peace</u>. His cross was required before His crown.

Jesus Christ is the peace offering that appeases the wrath judgment of God for AOS (Eph.2:13-19).

(Rom.5:8-10) "But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

Peace with God is 1 of 50 Things in the package of grace salvation which the Church Age Believer (CAB) can never lose in time or eternity.

3. The gospel of Jesus Christ is called the Gospel of Peace because it offers the world peace (Reconciliation) with God on the basis of grace through faith and NOT works of the Law.

(Rom.4:4-5) "Now to the one who works, his wages is **not reckoned as a favor (grace**), but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, **but believes in Him** who justifies the ungodly, **his faith** is reckoned as righteousness."

(Eph.2:8-9) "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God**; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

(Eph.6:15) "And having shod your feet with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**." (Armor of God) (Rom.10:13-15; 2 Cor5:18-21)

There is NO peace with God apart from faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph.2:13-19).

The gospel of Jesus Christ has the omnipotent power of God to bring every unsaved member of the human race into Peace with God (Rom.1:16; 5:1-2).

4. Peace with God is 1 of 9 Communion factors to be recalled during participation of the cup of the Eucharist.

(1Cor.11:25) "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

It is a reminder that every Church Age Believer (CAB) always has Peace with God because of the shed blood of Christ on the cross.

(Eph.2:13-14) "But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall."

5. HOME STUDY: Study how Peace with God is associated with all three phases of the plan of God.

Phase I (salvation)

Peace with God relationship (Rom.5:1-2; Eph.2:13-19; Col.1:20-22)

Phase II (Christian Way of Life in Time)

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The Peace of God is a long distance relationship

(Walk by the Holy Spirit) (Gal.5:16, 22-23; Rom.8:6; 14:17; 15:13)

(Walk by faith) (2 Cor.5:7; Phil.4:6-7; Col.3; 15-16)
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Phase III (believer in eternity)

God of peace face to face relationship (Heb.13:20; 1 Thess.5:23-24; 2 Thess.3:16; John 14:26-29)

Grace concept: If you have it in **phase I**, then you have it in **phase III** because God is faithful (1 Cor.1:9; 2 Cor.13:11) and gracious (Gal.1:3-5).