

Standing In God's Grace

Our lesson text, Rom. 5:1-5 will be a two-part series of discussions on the benefits of Righteousness, which comes because of salvation based on faith in the grace gospel message.

Even though our text is six verses long, in the Greek it is only two sentences which we will use as an outline for these two studies.

The first part will be verses 1 and 2.

- **Introduction into grace**

The other verses 3-6.

- **Walking by faith in this grace.**

INTRODUCTION: This grace doctrine in my opinion is the most important doctrine of the New Covenant Christian Church.

Beginning at the first Church Conference in Acts 15:1-29 this issue was resolved, yet for some reason it continues today to be a subject of doctrinal controversy.

Not according to the Bible!

(Rom. 4:13) "For the promise to Abraham or to His descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith."

(Rom. 4:16) "For this reason it is by faith that it might be in accordance with grace, in order that the promise may be certain to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham."

Paul, in writing to the church at Rome (Rom.1:7), ten years after the Jerusalem Council is teaching the principals of **God's Grace!**

"Justification by faith, apart from the Law"

Why? Because it is the doctrine of Grace.

Three points on what the gospel is:
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The Grace Gospel of Jesus Christ is:

- **God's Gift**
- **God's Grace**
- **God's Glory**

1) Paul starts off this chapter with therefore:

Paul uses the word "Therefore" to point back to his previous thought given in Rom.4:24-25, where he gives a gospel message.

God's Gift is Justification by faith.

(Rom. 3:24) "Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

(Rom.4:5) “The one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

Salvation is the result of faith in the grace gospel, just as Justification by faith brings peace with God.

NOTE: I find it interesting that all three phases of the Christian Way of Life are all outlined in this one Greek sentence.

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| • Phase I | Salvation | Covered in point #1 |
| • Phase II | The Believer in time | Covered in point #2 |
| • Phase III | The Believer in eternity | Covered in point #3 |

2) In these two Greek sentences we have 11 verbs.

Four are “perfect tense verbs” which means that the “action was completed in the past and remains forever” unless God changes it.

Paul uses a subjunctive verb – we have peace (with preposition dia) through Christ as to our introduction into **God’s Grace**.

He uses two perfect tense verbs “we have obtained” and “we stand” to verify this is all God’s plan from the beginning, forever.

We know there are six stages to the fullness of God’s Grace.

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| • Saving grace | (Eph. 2:8-9) |
| • Logistical grace | (Phil. 4:19) |
| • Maturity grace | (2 Peter 3:18) |
| • Undeserved suffering grace | (Phil. 1:29-30) |
| • Dying grace | (Phil. 1:20-21) |
| • Surpassing grace | (2 Cor. 12:1-9) |

Notice that Justification is by faith. We stand by faith, we don’t work for it because God has already completed that work through His Son.

Matt. 14:22-32 helps give me a visual of God’s grace operating.

As believers, we are in our journey in this Christian Way of Life and Jesus said, “I will send you another Helper, that He will be with you forever.” (Jn.14:16)

His grace abides forever, and we stand in it by faith.

3) Remember, in studying Paul’s writings, we must put on our thinking caps.

In one thought Paul has clarified our salvation by faith, introduced us to the grace of God and now encourages us to boast in our hope of the glory of God.

(Jn. 11:4, 40) gives us a clear picture of this concept. The Glory of God is having His Son Glorified.

(Rom. 4:17b) “God who gives Life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.”

(1 Cor.15:3-4) Through grace in the gospel of Christ: His death, His burial, and His resurrection.

(1 Cor.15:20). “God raised Jesus from the dead, the first-fruits of those who are asleep.”

The glory of God is:

(1Cor. 15:22) “In Adam all die, in Christ all will be made alive.”

(1 Cor.15:49) “Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.”