

**March 30, 2025**

The Certainty of Hope

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**Romans 5:1-11**

**Justification** has \_\_\_\_\_

**Benefits of being justified by faith (v. 1-2)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with God through Jesus
2. Access to God's \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope**

1. The sure and confident \_\_\_\_\_ of receiving what God has \_\_\_\_\_
2. What Jesus gives us to better \_\_\_\_\_ our sufferings

**Suffering/Tribulation → Perseverance → Character → Hope**

1. The “golden chain” of Christian \_\_\_\_\_
2. Each virtue \_\_\_\_\_ on the other

**Jesus died for the ungodly**

1. For: Gk. *huper* – for the sake of, in behalf of, instead of

**Justified through Jesus' blood is to be saved from God's righteous wrath**

1. What we have through our own works does not matter and \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is only through \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does it mean to be justified by faith? Why is this such an important doctrine?
3. What are the benefits of being justified by faith? List some examples of how we might utilize those benefits in everyday life.
4. Peace with God does not mean the absence of suffering. Why does God allow His children to suffer?
5. According to this text, why should we aspire to rejoice in our suffering? What are some ways that we might actually benefit from suffering?
6. How do hard times bring about perseverance? What is the result of this type of perseverance? What is the result of this type of proven character?
7. In verses 6-8, Paul makes a particular argument for why Jesus' death for sinners is so remarkable. What argument does he make? What does it tell us about the heart of God and the love of God?
8. God's full commitment to saving us is sure. He demonstrates that He is "all in." He does not engage in salvation with a half-hearted commitment. Are you "all in" with Him? Is there evidence in your life to demonstrate that?
9. Spend time in prayer, asking for guidance and strength from the Holy Spirit.

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Romans 5:1-11) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?