

- e. Romans 4:20b – Abraham’s faith _____ even stronger as time passed. The stronger his faith grew, the more he praised God for God’s faithfulness to him. ...*but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.* Genesis 22:5, Hebrews 11:13
 - f. Romans 4:21 – Abraham’s faith was not based on experiences or circumstances but rather on God’s trustworthiness. ...*and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to* _____. Hebrews 11:17-19
8. Romans 4:22-25 – The Genesis 15:6 statement that Abraham was justified by faith was recorded for our _____ as much as it was for Abraham.
- a. Romans 4:22 – *Therefore, it was also credited to him as righteousness.* This is once again a reminder that when Abraham believed in God, he was regarded by God to be _____ before Him. Abraham was justified by faith.
 - b. Romans 4:23 – *Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him.* When the Old Testament states that *Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness*, it is recorded primarily for _____ good. God wants you to know that Abraham is not the only one saved by faith. So are you.
 - c. Romans 4:24 – ...*but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead...* This verse declares that just like Abraham, we too are declared right with God the _____ we believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.
 - d. Romans 4:25 – *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.* Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our _____ but was raised up again for our justification.
 - 1) This is the good _____. Christ died for our sins and rose again on the third day. Acts 13:28-30, 37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - 2) We too were declared right with God when we personally _____ in Christ and His death for our sins and resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - 3) Have you personally believed the gospel, trusting in Christ, that He died for your sins and rose again on the third day? 1 John 5:13

C. Romans 5:1-11 – The undeserved blessings of justification by faith

- 1. Romans 5:1-5 – The privileges of our justification by _____
 - a. Romans 5:1a – *Therefore, having been justified by faith...* Paul now described several amazing _____ resulting from our justification by faith.
 - b. Romans 5:1b – ...*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.* The first benefit of *having been justified by faith* in Christ is that we instantly gain _____ with God.
 - 1) Peace with God is not to be confused with the peace of God which we can experience somewhat inconsistently. Our enjoyment of the peace of God often _____ according to our circumstances and walk. Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:15

- 2) Peace with God is a fixed condition. It means we are no longer God's enemies; the _____ between God and us is eternally over. We are now friends with God. Romans 5:10, Ephesians 2:1-3
- c. Romans 5:2a – *...through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand...* There is also a _____ benefit from our justification; it is God's ongoing grace for daily living.
 - 1) At salvation, through faith in Christ, we received a permanent standing before God in _____. God never separates us from our position in grace, even in the darkest days of our greatest failures.
 - 2) As a result of our justification, we find ourselves standing beneath the waterfall of God's undeserved kindness, with His unending _____ to live victoriously cascading down upon us. Ephesians 1:19, 2 Corinthians 12:9
- d. Romans 5:2b – *...and we exult in hope of the glory of God.* Thirdly, there is a forward-looking benefit from our justification by faith. As a result of our justification we can hold our heads high with the absolute confidence that we will experience the full extent of God's _____ during all of eternity. Ephesians 1:18
- e. Romans 5:3-5 – Fourthly, our justification by faith leads to a new _____ on the difficulties of this life. Instead of doubting God's love in moments of difficulty, we start rejoicing in our trials. Acts 16:24-25
 - 1) Romans 5:3a – *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations...*
 - a) Before a believer understands the truths of justification by faith, trials are easily interpreted as a sign of God's _____.
 - b) But when we are convinced of our righteous standing before God, we readily embrace our trials as grace-_____ from God. Romans 8:28, 31-33
 - 2) Romans 5:3b – *...knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance.* Perseverance means you don't _____ up.
 - a) Knowing that trials are actually beneficial to us, we can be _____ when we go through them. James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:3-11
 - b) You can press on in faith, knowing God is working everything out for your spiritual _____ and maturity. Romans 8:28
 - 3) Romans 5:4a – *...and perseverance, proven character...* Perseverance results in _____ character.
 - a) Proven character means you have passed the test and can be depended on to remain _____ and unchanging. This is spiritual maturity. James 1:2-4
 - b) *Proven character* means you are a person of integrity who can be trusted not to _____ back and forth according to circumstances. Philippians 1:20, 1 Peter 1:6-7

- 4) Romans 5:4b – ...*and proven character, hope...* Finally, trials actually create _____. When you trust God through your trials, you find that God never fails; He always remains true to His word and His promises. Romans 15:13
- 5) Romans 5:5 – *Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was _____ to us.*
 - a) The instant you believed the good news of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit came to _____ in you. Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30
 - b) Through the Holy Spirit who lives in you, God the Father pours His love into your _____. Ephesians 3:17-19, Romans 15:13
 - c) Now that you are a believer, God accepts you and _____ you just as much as He loves Jesus. John 15:9, John 17:26; Ephesians 1:6-7; 1 John 3:1
 - d) No matter how hard or long the trial, your faith in God can remain strong because of God’s love poured out upon you. No trial can _____ *us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:31-39
2. Romans 5:6-8 – The _____ of justification by faith
 - a. Romans 5:6a – Under what circumstance did Christ die? *“For while we were still helpless ...Christ died for the ungodly.”* When we were still _____ to save ourselves, the Lord Jesus Christ, our perfect substitute, died, fully paying our sin debt.
 - b. Romans 5:6b – At what time did Christ die? ...*at the right time Christ died...* In the sovereign _____ of God, Jesus died at the perfect moment in human history. God set the stage for Christ’s sacrifice for our sins, and Christ died at the exact time God planned. John 10:17-18, Acts 3:17-18, Galatians 4:4-5, Revelation 13:8
 - c. Romans 5:6c – For _____ did Christ die? Christ died ...*for the ungodly.*
 - 1) Christ died for _____. Hebrews 2:9 says, *“But we do see ...Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.”*
 - a) Christ died for _____. Isaiah 53:6 says, *“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of **us all** to fall on Him.”* 1 Corinthians 15:3
 - b) Christ died for all _____. Romans 5:18 says, *“So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.”*
 - c) Christ died as a _____ for all. 1 Timothy 2:5-6 says, *“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.”*
 - 2) Christ died for _____. Matthew 20:28 says, *“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

- 3) Christ died for the _____. John 3:16 says, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”*
 - 4) Christ died for His _____. John 10:11 says, *“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.”*
 - 5) Christ died for the _____ of Israel. John 11:51 says, *“Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation.”*
 - 6) Christ died for _____. Romans 5:8 says, *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*
 - 7) Christ died for _____ personally. In Galatians 2:20b Paul said, *“The life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*
 - 8) Christ died for the sins of the _____ world. 1 John 2:2 says, *“He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”*
 - 9) Christ died for the _____. Ephesians 5:25 says, *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”* Acts 20:28
 - 10) Christ even died for _____ teachers who deny Him. 2 Peter 2:1 says, *“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them.”* 1 Corinthians 6:20a
- d. Romans 5:7 – *For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.* Although it is _____, there may be someone out there with the courage and love to die for a good person. But God showed greater love than even dying for a good person.
 - e. Romans 5:8 – *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* God proved the superiority of His love by having Christ die for us, not when we were _____ or worthy, but when we were His hateful and rebellious enemies. Romans 5:10
3. Romans 5:9-10 – The outcome of our salvation by faith is seen in the three _____ of our salvation: past, present and future.
 - a. Romans 5:9a – *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood...* The _____ tense of our salvation is justification. The moment we believed, we were saved from sin’s penalty through Christ’s sacrificial death on our behalf.
 - b. Romans 5:9b – *...we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.* The _____ tense of our salvation is glorification. At the rapture, we will be saved from sin’s presence. Romans 6:5, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 John 3:2

- c. Romans 5:10 – Between justification and glorification is sanctification, salvation’s _____ tense. *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.* Hebrews 7:25
- 1) In sanctification, we are being saved in the present tense from sin’s _____ in our lives through Christ’s life. 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - 2) Christ in us is God’s “secret” for holy living. Colossians 1:27 says, “*To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is _____ in you, the hope of glory.*”
 - 3) Christ in you makes it possible to truly experience an abundant life. Colossians 3:4 says, “*When Christ, **who is our life**, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in _____.*” John 7:38
 - 4) Paul explained that he lived the Christian life by faith in the Lord Jesus. Galatians 2:20 – *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by _____ in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*
4. Romans 5:11 – The _____ of our justification by faith
- a. Romans 5:11a – *And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ...* When we understand the full scope of our justification, we heartily _____. We rejoice in the grace of God.
 - b. Romans 5:11b – *...our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.* We rejoice because Jesus Christ _____ God’s acceptance for us.

V. Romans 5:12-21 – The Doctrine of Identification: The Gateway to Sanctification

A. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 45-49 – Two identities

1. God identifies all humanity with one of two men: the first Adam or the last Adam, Christ. Adam and Christ are like national _____, or patriarchal representatives, who represent two distinct divisions of humanity. John 3:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:45-50
2. God considers you a member of one of these two lineages. In God’s assessment, whatever is true of your head, Christ or Adam, is _____ of you. 1 Corinthians 15:22 says, “*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.*”
3. Because you were _____ again, God now identifies you with Christ twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, forever. Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:3
4. In many of his epistles, Paul referred to believers as being *in* _____. Ephesians 1:3, 4, 6, 7, 10-11, 13