



Decade of Availability Peace With God

In this passage Paul starts a discourse on our walk of faith (our sanctification).

1. Peace With God vv. 1-5

a. Two kinds of peace: v. 1

-**PEACE WITH** God means we are no longer at war with God. We have made 'peace' with God by 'faith' in Jesus Christ.

-**PEACE OF** God is something that God gives to us as a result of a life of prayer and intimacy with Him. It is a 'peace' that goes beyond the need to know the answer to 'why' regarding the issues of our life. *Phil. 4:6-7* See side bar.

b. One great hope: v. 2 By faith we live in grace and 'rejoice' in the present/future glory of God. This is not a 'hope so' but a 'know so.' Standing in grace is standing in His glory.

c. Three things that don't disappoint: vv. 3-5 We live in the glory (joy) of God—but we also glory (rejoice) in tribulations! Why is that? Because tribulation produces the following:

-**PERSEVERANCE** Paul knows from his own experience that there is value in suffering. His thorn in the flesh produced the grace of God. *2 Cor 12:7-10*. However, a continuing work of 'grace' is endurance/perseverance to 'get through.' He will deliver us FROM or THROUGH the tribulation.

-**CHARACTER** this is the quality of being 'approved.' The idea here is being purified through trial.

-**HOPE** As we live in grace, suffering is transformed, character is built, and hope is increased that God will finish the work that he has started.

2. Love Of God vv. 6-8

a. Experiencing His love: The ultimate expression of 'grace' is that God loved us even when we did not love him. Are we willing to show this kind of graceful love to others?

3. Reconciled With God vv. 9-11

a. Saved from wrath: v. 9 It's important to note that we are saved from wrath 'through Him.' Within the context of this passage this points to our 'continuing' walk of sanctification with Him. See *James 1:13-15* and *1 John 1:9*

b. On God's time: So what does 'reconciliation' mean? When my watch is set to the same time as your watch...then my watch is 'reconciled' to your watch.

-**Starts with God:** God has the 'correct' time or standard that we are to walk in. By His grace He initiates this 'reconciliation' through His Son. God so loved the world He sent His Son...

-**Our response:** There must be a 'corresponding' response from us when God reveals His love and truth to us through His Son. Our response is 'faith' in His finished work on the cross.

-**New life:** Once we are 'reconciled' we continue to walk 'in His time' by the power of the resurrection of Jesus (...saved by His life).



Romans 5:1-11

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.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when 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.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Have you been reconciled with God?