



## Peace and Hope!

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**Peace and Hope, the Source and Power.**

**Will things ever get better?**

**Remember, remember, remember!**

Romans 5: 1-2

*"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."*

### **The Benefits of Believing**

- Pronounced guilty, we are then **justified by faith**.
- We have **peace with God**, different from peace of God
- We stand **in grace** given through Jesus.
- We **have access** into His presence and remain there.
- We have **hope**.
- We can **rejoice** in our sufferings

## **The Benefits of Suffering**

- Perseverance keeps us moving forward
- Character grows in perseverance
- As character develops, hope persists.
- Our character becomes more like the character of Jesus

## **What kind of hope are we talking about?**

- We won't have to struggle alone
- Our trust in Him grows stronger as we realize our limitations
- With our new life in Him we have the things that matter most: love, fellowship, eternity with Jesus
- True hope is a confident expectation of what God has promised.

John 14: 15-17

*"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever--the Spirit of truth..."*

## **All of this comes as a gift.**

Romans 5: 18-19

*"Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the*

*disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."*

2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.."*

**Because of the free gift of grace offered to us through the payment for our sin Jesus finished on the cross, we can trade our sin for forgiveness and new life.**

Romans 5:20

*"...But where sin increased, grace increased all the more..."*

**Orthodoxy and Orthopraxy. If we truly believe the Christian doctrine, how will we live it out?**

**Trust Him. He is a God of hope. He is a God who is at peace with us. Let's live in that trust.**

**Key Passages:** Romans 5