



Really Living!
Romans 5:1-11
#6 in a series on Romans
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Theme: **God's Full Salvation Brings A Full Life.**

The Source Of God's Full Salvation.

1. It is in Jesus Christ. (6, 8, 9, 10)
2. It is through Jesus Christ. (1, 2, 9, 10, 11)

The Blessings Of God's Full Salvation.

1. Peace with God. (1, 11; cf. 6-8, 10; Ephesians 2:3; Philippians 3:18; Colossians 1:21-22)
2. A firm standing in the realm of God's grace. (2; cf. 21; 6:14-15)
3. A certain, joyful hope of sharing God's glory. (2, 11; cf. 8:29-30; 9:22; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2)
4. A new perspective and purpose for our troubles. (3-5; cf. James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7)
5. Saturated to the core with God's love. (5-8)
6. The permanent presence of the Holy Spirit. (5; cf. 8:9; John 14:16-17, 26; 16:13-15; Acts 2:38)
7. Saved from wrath. (9; cf. 1:18; 2:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Romans 5:1-11. Now look at it again highlighting the phrases which tell us that the source of God's full salvation is in and through Jesus Christ (check the verses noted on the outline). Thank God that Christ is all you need, that there is absolutely nothing else that needs to be or can be added, whether from within or outside of yourself.

Tuesday. Verse 1 tells us we have peace with God because we are justified. Remember, this peace is the state of our relationship with God, not our feelings of peace. While most people would say they never have been an enemy of God or at war with Him, everyone who is not a believer is an enemy of God (verse 10), is in conflict with God by not yielding to His rule. Notice Paul's heart for those who are God's enemies in Philippians 3:18. Does this describe your heart for the lost? As you thank God that you don't have to look over your shoulder wondering if He will reject you, also ask Him to use you to be His instrument to transform lost enemies to found friends.

Wednesday. Verse 5 describes one of the great and exciting aspects of our salvation—God has poured His love into the deepest, into every part of our being. So, it is part of who we now are as new creatures in Christ. We are people with God's love at the core of our being, at the core of our motivation, thoughts, words and actions. The key to truly living by God's love is to allow the Holy Spirit to examine, correct, direct, encourage and empower us. Is God's love pouring out from you to your family, friends, coworkers and strangers in a constant, refreshing stream?

Thursday. Another great and exciting part of our salvation is that we now have a new perspective on our troubles (verses 3-5). Outline the steps of character building Paul traces here. Compare this to James 1:2-4. We all have troubles, some of us have more than others. All of us, as believers, have Christ with us in every troubling time (see John 16:33). Paul did not run from troubles nor did he attack the sources of his troubles. He saw them and used them, by God's grace, to build Christ-like character. After all, when it is all said and done, what is more important? Is that what you are doing with your troubles?

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 5:12-21. Read and think through this section as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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