

Romans 5:1-5 Peace with God Through Faith

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Q: What sort of peace does the world give?

A: "Good Times" Peace

Advantages of God's peace over "Good Times" Peace

- Peace that makes sense – 5:1 *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Stable hope – 5:2 *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- Perseverance in suffering – 5:3a *Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings,*

Q: How?

- Suffering produces endurance – 5:3b *knowing that suffering produces endurance,*
- Endurance produces character – 5:4a *and endurance produces character*

4-Generation Fade

- 1) Parents don't make church a high priority for their kids.
- 2) Kids grow up and make it less of a priority for their kids.
- 3) Those kids grow up and make it no priority for their kids.
- 4) Those kids grow up with no concept of God.

Priorities today impact future generations.

- Character produces hope – 5:4b *and character produces hope,*
- Hope leads us out of shame – 5:5 *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*