

Clarence Park Baptist Church – Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday 17th November 2020

based on the theme of our previous Sunday service



Opening Prayer

Reading

Romans 5:1-11 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Peace and hope

⁵ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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On Sunday we focused on what it means to be Justified before God because of the cross.

This passage reminds us of the wonderful gift of Gods grace in our lives as it reminds us what God has done for us and of the transformation that happens in our lives.

Dwelling in the word

1. Look again at the passage from Romans. Read it out loud and then sit for a moment to silently allow God to speak to you through it. Is there a phrase that stands out for you?

Questions For discussion in break out room or with others

2. What is the difference between Grace and Mercy?
3. What does it mean in verse 1 to be at peace with God? How should this understanding affect our relationship with other Christians?
4. Verse 3 speaks about suffering. What is your experience of suffering? How did you cope with it? What advice can you share with others and how might this chapter be a help?

On returning together – please be prepared to share your responses to the questions you have been able to cover.

Additional question if time:

5. Justified by God means that God looks on us as righteous and without sin. Therefore, we can be counted holy. Living a holy life does not mean excluding ourselves from the world. How do we ensure that we remain holy before God as we live in an unholy world?

For Personal reflection:

6. What might you do to live the teaching from Jesus in this passage during the coming week?

Final Questions together:

7. What might God be wanting to teach you personally this week?
8. And what is his message to the whole of our Church?



CLOSE:

As you close take a moment to pray for one another especially remembering those you know who are suffering. Don't forget to also give thanks to God for one another.

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