

Peace With God, Access To God And The Hope Of Glory

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According to Rom. 4:25,

Romans 4:25 KJV “Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”

Christ was delivered to death for our sins and then raised from the dead because He had fully settled our debt. The results of this mighty work of redemption are marvelous indeed to ponder over.

First, it means for every believer in Christ, that “being justified by faith we have peace with God”

Romans 5:1 KJV *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”*

If Christ has paid for our sins and the barrier between God and us has been removed, why should we not enjoy peace with God? Why should we not rise in the morning, go about our work during the day and retire at night with complete confidence that all is well; that we are at peace with God and that He loves us as His very own? But more: Verse 2 goes on to say that by Christ we also have “access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.”

Romans 5:2 KJV *“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”*

If the barrier of sin has been removed and we are at peace with God, what is there to keep us out of His presence, especially when He Himself bids us to “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”?

Hebrews 4:16 KJV “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

How wonderful to have a standing before God in grace! to be at peace with Him and to enjoy free access into His presence by faith!

But there is still more. Not only does the believer in Christ enjoy peace with God and access to God, but, as this same verse says: “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” “Hope” in the Bible is, of course, more than a wish. It is an eager anticipation of wonderful things to come.

Heb. 6:19 says: “Which hope we have as an anchor to the soul, both sure and stedfast.”

Man has always been afraid of the glory of God. When the glory of the Lord shone round about the Judaeen shepherds “they were sore afraid.”

Luke 2:9 KJV “*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*”

This was because “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

Romans 3:23 KJV “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*”

But the simplest believer in Christ may rejoice in the anticipation of sharing God’s glory some day.