

Wednesday November 5th

Romans 4-5

Opening

What is something you tried to do on your own and failed, only to finally hire a professional to do it for you?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In Romans chapters 4 and 5 Paul explains how we are made righteous by grace through faith in Jesus and how God's plan of salvation is the only one that perfectly deals with the issue of man's sin. And in the opening to chapter 5 Paul also explains the incredible benefits of a salvation that comes this way and not through our own efforts or works. He teaches us that being justified by faith brings real peace, real stability and real joy in our lives.

READ Romans 5:1-4

1. In verse 1 Paul declares that being justified (or made right) by faith brings us "peace with God." How is peace *WITH* God different than peace *FROM* God? In what ways are the two related? How is seeking one different than seeking the other?
2. In verse 2 Paul says that faith also gives us access to the grace of God, "in which we stand." When is it hard to stand in your faith? Can you give some examples? How does understanding the nature of God's grace make it possible to still have faith in these times?
3. In verses 2 and 3 we're told that believers rejoice because of the hope they have in God. What is this hope? Why does it give us joy? How does it allow us to also glory (endure with a good and grateful attitude) through troubled times?

Application

1. What are some practical ways we can be reminded of God's grace in our lives and remain confident in our salvation?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.