Peace and Salvation (Romans 5:1-5)

Introduction

- **A.** There is no experience of peace from God, if one does not have peace with God.
 - Relationship results in certain benefits.
- **B.** The "Therefore" in the text points back to the discussion in 1:18-4:25
 - The Universality of Sin (Romans 3:23)
 - The Suffiency of the Solution (Romans 3:21, 22)

I. <u>The Stated Condition</u> (v.1)

A. "Justified by faith":

- acquitted
- declared righteous
- given a right standing before God

B. Pre-condition: "justified by faith"

The Result: "peace with God"

II. <u>The Certain Consequences</u>

A. Uninhibited Access (v.2)

- saved by grace, and constant access into this grace
- speaks of entry into a Monarch's chambers speaks of entry into the sanctuary of God
- "grace" is the state of God's favor

B. Healthy Perspective (v.3)

- Reaction: rejoice in suffering. This is not unqualified statement.
- Reason: sufferings \rightarrow perseverance \rightarrow character \rightarrow hope tested personality

C. Well founded Hope (v.5)

- Our hope for the future does not let us down
- The Holy Spirit is the internal fore-taste of our hope (see 2 Corinthians 1:22)

Conclusion: Access, perspective, Hope constitute peace