

I. Introduction

A. Why is the gospel necessary according to the Apostle Paul?

B. What are the benefits of justification on which the apostle focuses?

II. Main Argument

A. Peace with God (v. 1)

1. Justification by Faith: what other ground for confidence before God is there?

2. New Status

a. What is Justification?

b. How is God's justification different from the justification granted by the law courts?

c. What is the difference between the feeling of peace and the peace that God grants to His people along with justification?

3. Through Christ

a. Is *peace* simply a metaphor illustrating *justification*?

b. **Application**: *there is no peace with God outside of Christ*

B. Reconciliation with God (v. 2)

1. Access

a. How does this explain the sort of peace God gives His people?

b. What is meant by this *access* or *introduction*?

c. **Application**: *Christ has brought His people near to God and keeps His people there*

2. Standing in Grace: how?

C. Rejoicing in Glory (v. 2)

1. Boastful Confidence

a. Why does faith in Christ rather than ourselves enable us to boast?

b. Why is true religion joyful?

2. The Content of the Glory

a. How else does Paul use the expression *glory of God* in Romans?

b. What particular aspect of God's glory is in view?

c. In what especially is the Christian boasting?

d. **Application**

1) *The double joy for the Christian in the glory of God*

2) *The kindness of God in His glory and our redemption*

1. ¹ How fer-vent - ly I love the LORD— My cries for help He hears!
 2. ⁴ Up - on the LORD's name then I called, In my ex-trem - i - ty:
 3. ⁷ O now, my soul, re - turn a - gain To your own qui - et rest,

² So, all my life I'll call on Him Who turned to me His ear.
 "O LORD, I beg You, spare my life; And let my soul go free."
 Be - cause the LORD a - bun-dant - ly Has caused you to be blessed.

³ The ropes of death en - tan - gled me And wrapped them-selves a-round;
⁵ The LORD our God is kind and just; Com - pas - sion - ate is He.
⁸ You freed from death; You dried my tears, My stum - bling feet re - stored.

The ter - rors of the grave took hold— I grief and trou-ble found.
⁶ The LORD pre-serves the meek in heart; From depths He res-cued me.
⁹ And there - fore in the land of life I'll walk be - fore the LORD.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 JANUARY 9, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 700** "Come, We That Love the Lord"

***THE INVOCATION**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & ADORATION

THE HYMN SING

***THE PSALM OF PREPARATION NO. 116** "How Fervently I Love the Lord"

THE SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-2

THE SERMON Rev. Ryan Biese

Eternal Grace | Paul's Epistle to the Romans | No. 13

"Peace with God"

***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 542** "Who Are These Like Stars"

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE** Psalm 72:18-19

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
 For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
 And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
 The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.