

Receiving Righteousness and the Love of God

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The Love of God – Rom. 5 – Ampl.

The Believer's Walk

- **V. 1** – BY BELIEVING (faith) IN JESUS – Good Standing (righteousness) and Peace
 - Not in your faith (as K. Hagin said) –
 - Your faith may not always be as strong as you would like
- **V.2** – Through Him,
 - GRACE = Gift, Joy, Power,
 - STAND = Abide,
 - Rejoice in the Excited Expectation
 - Glory (Gk. doxa) of God - Powerful, blessed and exalted state (as in Moses & Jesus)
- **V. 3** – Glory (boast) in tribulations (lit. pressure) produce patience
 - Patience = Gk. hoop-om-on-ay' = cheerful, HOPEFUL ENDURANCE, constancy –
 - TRUE ONLY IF YOU BELIEVE
- **V.4** – CHEERFUL ENDURANCE (emotional feeling) produces PROOF, proof produces EXCITED EXPECTATION
- **V.5** – Excited expectation never disappoints us
 - If you are disappointed, deal with your fear of God -1Jn.4:18
 - The importance of HOW YOU FEEL about it FOR RECEIVING

Receiving God's Unbelievable Love

- **V. 5-8** – Love of God poured in our HEART through the Holy Spirit
 - It is incredible that Christ died for us when we were ungodly, irreverent
 - If He died for the sinners, He died for everybody
 - **Jn.3:16-21** – For the whole world
 - ✦ The response to the New Covenant is what we want to practice, it is coming from our heart's beliefs and affections
 - Justified = Gk. Dik-a-io'-o = make righteous or innocent
- **V.9-10** – How much more shall we now be SAVED FROM WRATH
 - God is not trying to punish you for your mistakes and kill you
- **1Jn.4:16-19** – Perfect love casts out fear
 - This is how perfect love is manifested
 - If you believe that God is pouring His wrath on the world today, you don't believe in the love of God and you have no capacity to receive the love of God
- **Col.1:20-23** – But Jesus has reconciled you who were blind and thoughts in your mind that were enemies of God (God never considered us as enemies)
 - Reconciled = (Gk. Kat-al-lag-ay') CHANGE MUTUALLY
 - Now are blameless in His sight THROUGH HIS DEATH
 - CONDITION: Believe steadfastly
 - DO YOU BELIEVE IT?
- **V.11** – We have received the GREAT EXCHANGE (Not atonement = covering of sins in KJV)
 - Based on His faith, not ours
 - He went to Hell, so we don't need to go

Doctrinal Love Errors

Misunderstandings and Distortions of God's Love

- Because God is Love:
 - ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION – Even Satan will be SAVED at the end
 - EVERYBODY is SAVED – God loves everybody and will not allow anybody to be damned for eternity
- SOURCE: Trying to justify family and friends, and feel good about not witnessing to them
- WHAT TO DO: Do not judge them but pray for them and learn to minister effectively to them

- Many do it in the flesh, share what they think the gospel is and do more damage than good

Questions to Consider

1. What are the results described in Rom.5:1 for believing in Jesus?
2. What is the manifestation of Grace described in Rom.5:2?
3. Why is understanding that patience implies cheerful endurance important for our walk as believers?
4. What can the believer expect from God according to Rom.5:5-10?
5. According to Col.1:20-23 was God ever an enemy of man?
6. What are the implications of the difference between the Atonement described in the Old Testament and the Justification provided in the New Testament?