

Part 1—Peace With God

Read Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20-22

- 1) How do you think justification produces peace with God?
- 2) According to Colossians 1 what did Jesus do to make peace and what made people enemies of God?
- 3) Do you think the average unsaved person today views himself as an enemy of God? Why or why not? How should this affect your conversations with them?

Part 2—Access Into Grace

Read Romans 5:2; Ephesians 3:8-12

- 1) What does it mean to “have access by faith into grace”?
 - 2) In Ephesians 3 Paul explains his ministry to the Gentiles. Why is “access” so important in his doctrine?
 - 3) How does access to God and His grace affect your life as a Christian every day?
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Part 3—A Reason to Boast

Read Romans 5:2-3; 1 Peter 1:3-3

- 1) The words “rejoice” (vs 2) and “glory” (vs 3) are translated from the same Greek word as “boast” (2:17). In what should Christians boast according to this passage?
- 2) According to 1 Peter 1 what gives the Christian living hope and assurance?
- 3) How can a Christian boast without sinning? What are some specific ways you should boast today?

Part 4—A Path to Hope

Read Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4

- 1) What is the path to hope according to these verses?
- 2) What similarities and differences do you see between Paul’s path to hope and James’s path to maturity (perfection)?
- 3) Why do you suppose there are no “shot-cuts” on this path?