



PAUL'S AUDIENCE

“Therefore since we have been justified through faith...”

Paul is addressing those who are IN CHRIST – those who have made their calling and election sure.

(The following is NOT TRUE for those apart from Christ)



MAKING OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: THROUGH GRACE INTO GRATITUDE

Romans 5:1-11



EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

We have been justified (fully pardoned) A legal declaration

See 3:9-20

Through faith

Eph. 2:8-9



We have peace with God through Jesus Christ

We were enemies (5:10)

We were objects of divine wrath – (Eph 2:3)

Now we have peace

Eph. 2:11-18



BENEFITS, VS. 2

Our faith in Christ gained us access into this grace in which we now stand

It's not a revolving door; we have assurance
John 10:27-29; 1 John 5:13

It's not a place to grovel Heb. 4:14-16

BENEFITS, VSS. 2B-5

We rejoice...

- In the hope (a certainty not yet realized) of the glory of God 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil 3:20-21
- In our sufferings. How so? (5:3-4)
Trusting God to use it for His glory and our good
- In the ministry of the Holy Spirit



VSS. 6-8

A beautiful depiction of John 3:16

“For God so loved the world...”



BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Vs. 9 Again, our full pardon came at His great expense AND we have been saved from God's wrath through Christ (Isa. 53; Heb. 9:22)

Vs. 10 "When we were God's enemies, Christ was able by His death to reconcile us to God. Certainly now that we are God's children, the Savior can keep us by His living power." - John MacArthur



Vs. 11 We have been reconciled to God through
Christ 2 Cor. 5:18-20

Indeed,

“Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All that is within me bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits.”

Psalm 103:1-2