

Peace and joy – Romans 5: 1-5
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What is peace as seen between nations and people?

Who is brought to a peaceful relationship in this passage?

Who achieved this peace and how?

1. Gospel logic

What does it mean to be justified before God?

i) *What is the first logical consequence of justification?*

Why can we not justify ourselves up to God's standards?

What is wrong with thinking we can achieve an acceptable righteousness by what we do or what we are?

How then can we be justified?

Why is the Lord Jesus Christ so important to the believer?

ii) *What is the second logical consequence of being justified at peace with God?*

Is that logical consequence affected if we fall into sin?

How do we have access (Ephesians 2:17-18)?

iii) *What is the third logical consequence of justification?*

What does Paul mean by hoping for the glory of God?

Why should that make us joyful?

Summary

Justification leads to _____ which leads to _____ which leads to _____ and so we have peace and joy.

2. Godly living

What is surprising about Paul's joy?

What is the experiential circle of joy?

H_____ in the future return of Christ enables us to have joy in s_____ which produces _____ which proves and tests our _____ which gives us more _____

What is the Christian hoping for?

How can these blessings enable us to endure trials, afflictions etc.?

How else does God provide for our comfort now so that our hope is not disappointed and we are not put to shame in the present and how is it achieved?