



**Growing in your Spiritual Life.*

1. **Chapters 1-3 discussed the physical person, intellect, moral actions, and religious activities.** The intellectual couldn't see God in creation, the moral person deceives themselves, and the religious person tries to reconcile themselves to God.
2. **Chapter 4 introduced us to the Spiritual life and the open door of Grace through faith.** We were introduced to the Spiritual being we can be through faith. Examples: Abraham & David.

**The Only Source of Real Peace & Hope No Matter What's Happening.*

Romans 5:1* Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; **4** and perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

1. **V:1-2 Being in the right relationship with God is the foundation of our peace & hope.**
Three Kinds of Peace
 - A. **World Peace**, and there won't be any world peace until the Prince of Peace returns.
 - B. **Tranquility of the soul.** (Most young Christians think this is the peace the scripture discusses.)
It's not! **John 14:27** My peace I give to you, not as the world gives.
 - C. **Peace with God. Phil. 4:7** Peace that surpasses our understanding
2. **V:3-5 Peace with God changes our perspectives and the maturation process of the Spiritual Person.** (The Here and Now Benefit of Grace)

Glory in tribulation

*Our tribulation produces perseverance

*Our Perseverance produces our Character

*Our NEW Character produces Hope. (The Greek word for Character is an etched quality) (Hope is faith in God's Future)

(Don't prevent or keep your children or grandchildren from the spiritual process. Educate them in it!) **2 Cor. 6:4-10**

**Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 5:6* For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been

reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— **13** (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. **16** And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. **17** For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

1. **V:6-11 We are in the ages to come without strength or works, and Jesus reconciled us.**

God knew this generation would need to know the truths of Romans 5, and His Grace is sufficient for this day! God died for the ungodly that was all of us at one time.

2. **V:12-15 The Free Gift is not like the Transgression.**

The transgressor could not deliver the world from sin.

The Savior, The Son of God, who knew NO sin, delivers the whole world through His atonement for our sins. His death set us free from death.

3. **V:16-17 Condemnation is exchanged for the abundance of grace and righteousness.**

The abundant life is not freedom from tribulation, trials, and sickness. It's a guarantee that those won't destroy your eternal life.

****Sin does reign in death, but Jesus reigns in eternal life.***

****Romans 5:18*** Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. **19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, **21** so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. **Condemnation and being offended rules for a season.**

Condemnation has been dealt with, but our world doesn't know. The voice of this age is the loudest and gets the most attention.

2. **Grace and eternal life reigns forever.**

The trumpet sound and the voice of the Arc Angel will supersede everything. Truth does prevail!

Mom's share the truth! Allow your boys to face trials; teach your boys & girls the character that comes from trusting God.