

**Outlines of the Messages  
for the International Chinese-speaking Conference  
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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
CHAPTERS 5 THROUGH 8 OF ROMANS—  
THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE**

**Message Two  
The Result of Our Justification—  
the Full Enjoyment of God in Christ as Our Life**

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Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:1-11

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Rom 5:4 And endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, hope;  
Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.  
Rom 5:6 For while we were yet weak, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.  
Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will anyone die, though perhaps for the good man someone would even dare to die.  
Rom 5:8 But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified in His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.  
Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,  
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**I. Justification is God's action in approving us according to His standard of righteousness; the believers' righteousness is not a condition that they possess in themselves but a person to whom they are joined, the living Christ Himself:**

A. When we believe into Christ, we receive God's forgiveness (Acts 10:43), and God can justify us (Rom. 3:24, 26) by making Christ our righteousness and by clothing us with Christ as our robe of righteousness (Isa. 61:10; Luke 15:22; Jer. 23:6; Zech. 3:4).

Acts 10:43 To this One all the prophets testify that through His name everyone who believes into Him will receive forgiveness of sins.

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Rom 3:26 With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.

Isa 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in Jehovah, / My soul will exult in my God; / For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, / He has wrapped me with the robe of righteousness; / I am like a bridegroom who wears the headdress of the priest, / And like a bride who adorns herself with her jewels.

Luke 15:22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out quickly the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

Jer 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, / And Israel will dwell securely; / And this is His name by which He will be called, / Jehovah our righteousness.

Zech 3:4 And He answered and spoke to those standing before Him, saying, Remove the filthy garments from him. Then He said to him, See, I hereby make your iniquity pass from you and clothe you with stately robes.

- B. Life is the goal of God's salvation; thus, justification is "of life "; through justification we have come up to the standard of God's righteousness and correspond with it so that now He can impart His life into us—Rom. 5:18.

Rom 5:18 So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

## II. The result of our justification is the full enjoyment of God in Christ as our life—vv. 1-11:

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- A. The result of our justification is embodied in six wonderful things—love (v. 5), grace (v. 2), peace (v. 1), hope (v. 2), life (v. 10), and glory (v. 2)—for our enjoyment; these verses also reveal the Triune God—the Holy Spirit (v. 5), Christ (v. 6), and God (v. 11)—for our enjoyment.

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- B. Through the redeeming death of Christ, God has justified us sinners and has reconciled us, His enemies, to Himself (vv. 1, 10-11); furthermore, "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us " (v. 5):

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1. Although we may be afflicted, poor, and depressed, we cannot deny the presence of God's love within us; in order to stay on the line of life, which is Christ Himself (John 14:6a), we need to keep ourselves in the love of God (Jude 20-21), which is God Himself (1 John 4:8, 16).

John 14:6a Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; ...

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building up yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

- Jude 21      Keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- 1 John 4:8      He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.
- 1 John 4:16      And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.
2.      We need to fan our God-given spirit of love into flame so that we can have a burning spirit of love to overcome the degradation of today's church; to fan our spirit into flame is to build up the habit of exercising our spirit continually so that we may stay in contact with the Lord as the Spirit in our spirit—2 Tim. 1:6-7; 4:22.
- 2 Tim 1:6      For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- 2 Tim 1:7      For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.
- 2 Tim 4:22      The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
- C.      “We have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand ” (Rom. 5:2); since we have been justified by faith and stand in the realm of grace, “we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ ” (v. 1):
1.      Having peace “toward ” God means that our journey into God through our being justified out of faith has not yet been completed, and we are still on the way into God; according to Luke 7, the Lord Jesus told the sinful woman, who “loved much ” because she had been forgiven much (vv. 47-48) in order to be saved, to “go into peace ” (v. 50, lit.).
- Luke 7      be omitted.
- Luke 7:47      For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.
- Luke 7:48      And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven.
- Luke 7:50      But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.
2.      Once we have passed through the gate of justification, we need to walk on the way of peace (Rom. 3:17); when we set our mind on the spirit—by caring for our spirit, using our spirit, paying attention to our spirit, contacting God by our spirit in communion with the Spirit of God, and walking and living in our spirit—our mind becomes peace to give us an inner feeling of rest, release, brightness, and comfort (8:6).
- Rom 3:17      And the way of peace they have not known.
- Rom 8:6      For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

### III. In the realm of grace, we have God as our boast and exultation for our enjoyment and rejoicing; to boast in God is also to “boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance; and endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, hope”—5:3-4, 11:

- Rom 5:11      And not only so, but also boasting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
- A.      Tribulation is actually the incarnation of grace and the sweet visitation of grace; to reject tribulation is to reject grace, which is God as our portion for our enjoyment; grace mainly visits us in the form of tribulation by which God causes all things (all persons, all matters, all situations, all circumstances, and all environments) to work together for good, which is our gaining more of Christ to have Him wrought into our being, so that we may be transformed metabolically and conformed to Christ's image and so that we may be brought into the full sonship—2 Cor. 12:7-9; Rom. 8:28-29.
- 2 Cor 12:7      And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.
- 2 Cor 12:8      Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- B. Tribulation issues in endurance, and endurance produces approvedness, which is tested character and approved worth (Phil. 2:19-22); Paul says that he and his co-workers had been “approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel ” (1 Thes. 2:4); God proved, examined, and tested their hearts continually so that their speaking of the gospel was not of themselves to please men but of God to please Him:
- Phil 2:19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged by knowing the things concerning you.
- Phil 2:20 For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you;
- Phil 2:21 For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.
- Phil 2:22 But you know his approvedness, that as a child with a father he has served with me unto the gospel.
1. First Peter 1:7 says that the proving of our faith is “much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire, ” the fire of trials and sufferings; when gold that is raw suffers the burning of the purifying fire, it acquires a quality that is easily approved by everyone—Mal. 3:3.  
 Mal 3:3 And He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and purge them like gold and like silver, and they will offer to Jehovah a sacrifice in righteousness.
  2. The Lord wants us to pay the price to gain Him as the golden faith through the fiery trials so that we may participate in the real gold, which is Christ Himself as the divine life with the divine nature for the building up of His Body; thus, we can become a pure golden lampstand for the building of the golden New Jerusalem—Rev. 3:18; 1:20; 21:18, 23; 2 Pet. 1:4.  
 Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.  
 Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.  
 Rev 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.  
 Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of God illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
 2 Pet 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.
  3. Some of the saints who love the Lord think that they are suitable to work for the Lord because they have a certain amount of life and light, but they are raw and lack the quality of approvedness, an approved quality resulting from the endurance of tribulation and testing; this quality makes the people who are being ministered to feel happy, sweet, and comfortable.
  4. We all must pray, “Lord, grant me approvedness ”; the Lord will then raise up the circumstances that will produce approvedness for us; although we are the slaves of Christ, we lack approvedness; this troubles God, damages us, and also bothers the saints and the household of God; by our light and our gift we help the saints, but by our lack of approvedness we hurt them—Matt. 24:45-51.  
 Matt 24:45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

Matt 24:46 Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.  
 Matt 24:47 Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions.  
 Matt 24:48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays,  
 Matt 24:49 And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken,  
 Matt 24:50 The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and  
 at an hour which he does not know,  
 Matt 24:51 And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that  
 place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

C. Along with approvedness, we have hope (Rom. 5:4), and we boast because of the hope of the glory of God (v. 2):

Rom 5:4 And endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, hope;  
 Rom 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we  
 stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.

1. Although we stand in grace and walk in peace, we are not yet fully in glory, which is God Himself expressed; “our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory”—2 Cor. 4:17.
2. The God of all grace has called us into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus; here and now we are enjoying Christ, who dwells in our spirit, as our hope of glory—1 Pet. 5:10; 1 Thes. 2:12; Col. 1:27; Phil. 3:21.

1 Pet 5:10 But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.

1 Thes 2:12 So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Phil 3:21 Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

3. The Lord is leading us, His many sons, into glory by daily sanctifying us (Heb. 2:10-11), and we are daily being transformed from one degree of glory to another by keeping our hearts turned to the Lord to behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 3:16-18; 4:6b).

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

2 Cor 3:16 But whenever their heart turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Cor 3:17 And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor 4:6b ... is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

D. As we enjoy Christ in our sufferings, we are being saved in His life for accomplishing the organic goal of God’s dynamic salvation, which is the producing and building up of the organic Body of Christ expressed in the local churches, where we enjoy the rich grace of the Lord and where the God of peace crushes Satan under our feet for His glorious expression and for the display of His victory—Rom. 5:10; 12:5; 16:1, 4-5, 16, 20.

Rom 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Rom 16:1 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a deaconess of the church which is in Cenchrea,

Rom 16:4 Who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;  
Rom 16:5 And greet the church, which is in their house. Greet Epaphroditus, my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia unto Christ.  
Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.  
Rom 16:20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.