

**The Greatest Letter Ever**  
**The Benefits of Believing**  
**Romans 5:1-11**

**Introduction: The Best Emotion of All**

**Consider:** The best of all emotions is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... (Romans 5:1)*

**Identifying Some Key Words**

- Peace (v. 1)
- Access (v. 2)
- Grace (v. 2)
- Rejoice (v. 2)
- Hope (v. 2)
- Love (v. 8)
- Saved (v. 9)
- We

**The Benefits We Receive**

**1<sup>st</sup> Benefit: We have peace with God (v. 1)**

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Benefit: We have access to God (v. 2)**

*...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. (Romans 5:1-2)*

- Access: Introduction; Bringing two parties together
- Consider: When Jesus died He broke down barriers.

Luke 23:44-46; Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16

**3<sup>rd</sup> Benefit: We have hope (v. 2)**

*And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:2)*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Benefit: We glory in our sufferings (vv. 3-4)**

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans 5:3-4)*

**Consider:** We rejoice in our sufferings, not because of our sufferings

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)*

#### **The Process**

- Suffering
- Perseverance
- Character
- Hope

1 Peter 1:6-7; James 1:2-4

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Benefit: We are given God's love through the Holy Spirit (vv. 5-8)**

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:5-8)*

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Benefit: We receive security (vv. 9-10)**

*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (Romans 5:9-10)*

- We have been justified
- We shall be saved

#### **Conclusion: How Do We Respond?**

*Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:11)*