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Romans five verse 1. These are the words of god. Therefore, Having been justified by faith.

We have peace. With god. Through our lord. Jesus. Christ. Amen. We've said it before, you've probably heard it in other places, too. That when you were in scripture and you see the word, therefore, One of the best things to do to understand the text, well, as to ask. What is the therefore therefore, what is their proceeding?

That is necessarily followed by. That causes that, which follows. And in this case, the therefore is that christ was delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification on account of our justification. And indeed, really, it's the first four chapters not just the end of chapter 4 that is leading to this, therefore, therefore having been justified by faith, having been made righteous with god, been declared righteous by god, through faith in jesus christ.

Having heard this first great part of the power of god for salvation, which had has us with an unabarrassed apostle writing the gospel, to the Romans writing, the gospel to us. And we un-embarrassedly unashamedly devouring again, the truth of the gospel because we never get past the gospel. And we have heard again that we are declared righteous before.

God only through faith. In jesus christ. And that the righteousness of god is revealed in the gospel, not only that is the the righteousness from faith. That righteousness that we have been talking about drop being justified through faith in jesus christ. But righteousness for faith, That those whom god has declared righteous.

He is inevitably making to be righteous. In our character, in our conduct, not just in our intentions and the The grief that that will lead to having righteous intentions from god, the holy spirit in us, but that remaining sin that remaining fleshliness against which we must war. And so often against which it feels like we are losing so much so that it is as if there was a law in our members.

That the good things that god has made us desire from our inward being no one but a justified person desires. Are the things that we don't do. And the things that are regenerated spirit life given from jesus. In his resurrection hearts, the things that are new hearts ate. We Keep.

Doing. So we have been justified by faith. The righteousness of god has revealed in the gospel from faith. But the righteousness of god in the gospel is revealed the righteousness of god for faith as well. To put it simply jesus is a complete savior, and god is a complete savior in jesus christ.

There is no one whom he has justified that he will fail to glorify. He doesn't even begin. To justify us. Doesn't even begin to pre uh to call us or give us faith or count us. Righteous with himself declare us righteous before. Himself through that faith. He doesn't even begin that.

Unless he has predestined us to be conformed to the image of his son. It is, in fact, the intention of god to glorify us to sanctify us completely and then raise us bubbly, so that we are

perfectly holy soul and body forever. And enjoying all of the blessedness that belongs to Jesus Christ chief among them, the enjoyment of God.

The enjoyment of God's glory. Something that only holy people can do. The unholy do not enjoy. The glory of God. And so this therefore is telling us that we are coming to a new part of the theological argument. It's describing not just now that justification has brought us into a legal status in the gospel.

The righteousness of God is revealed from faith, but that justification has brought us into an experiential condition. An experiential condition and we intended at first. Well, at first, we intended to take the first five. Verses And then we wrote on the first five verses and we thought that well we'd better just take the first two Then we started thinking about what it means to be brought into a condition of peace.

And what it means to be brought into a condition of servitude. And we ended up just with verse 1. Justification being declared righteous by God through faith. In Jesus Christ. Has brought us into If we are believers in Jesus, if we are justified, we have been brought into a condition.

Of peace with God. And servitude. Unto Jesus slavery. And to Jesus and so those are the two things that we'll be considering this evening out of this passage. First. Being declared righteous by God through faith. In Jesus Christ brings us into a condition of peace with God. This is what we have been wanting to hear ever since Chapter 1 and verse 18 when we heard and were reminded of what we already know as the following verses.

Proceed to tell us that we already know. And that is that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. Of men. That means all of our ungodliness every bit. Of not acknowledging God as God not glorifying him, not being thankful to him knowing the righteous requirements of his law.

And, and that those who break it, deserve death and yet not only doing those things, but approving of those who do, That every intention of the thoughts of our hearts being only evil and that continually, God's wrath was revealed against every one of those intentions. Every one of those thoughts.

And so we'd heard this in chapter 1 and verse 18, and we were crying out who will save us. Who else who will save us from the wrath that we rightly and richly deserve? And the answer is God saves us through Jesus Christ. God saves us by faith in Jesus Christ.

And therefore, if having been justified by faith, therefore having been justified by faith we have peace With God, as we'll hear. A few verses from now, probably several weeks from now, but a few verses from now. God took those who were his enemies. And he sent his son. To die for them.

He loved. His enemies. By sending Christ. To die for them. We deserve wrath. But he had determined. To make children as enemies. And if we have been justified, Through faith in Jesus Christ. We have peace with God. This means now that we no longer are Are frightened by all of the great displays of God's power.

As we are thinking this week about Psalm 75 and the displays of God's wondrous works and how the believer, thanks God for those wondrous works Because I wondrous work, says the living God is near. And then Psalm 75 is talking about the judgment and the living God being near now.

And the reminder that the, that he before whom we live is the one before whom, we will stand at the last and given account and and receive a sentence or a verdict. There's uncomfortable for the unbeliever. The believer, says thank you, god. We will thank him. For his wondrous works, remind us of the nearness of his name.

You tell us of the nearness of his name. This should this should humble us before god. Frighten us about the judgment and send us flying to christ to trust in him. So that we may praise god for the one who has justified us by faith. In jesus. So that we might have peace with god.

You know, this is This is one thing that. Jonathan edwards. Uh, described as a fruit of his conversion, how terrified he used to be of thunderstorms. Before he was converted. Because the, the thunder. I don't know if you've heard the the profanity. That people say hold thunder is god bowling.

That's how those who don't have a clue about god, speak. Thunder is the slightest, whisper. Of the greatness. Of his power. And that fact used to terrify. Jonathan edwards because he knew, What he deserved. At the hands of that almighty one that powerful one, that one who fun makes the earth to thunder in order to whisper as it were about his power.

And then he got converted. He was justified through faith in jesus christ, and having been justified by faith, he had peace with god. And now that power of which the thunder whispered that power was was not just no longer against him, it was for him. The almighty god, the one who thundered like, that was the one who had decided to save him before the world began.

The one who had planned everything that he would do for his perfect holiness, and perfect happiness, that he would have, even the very joy of the lord jesus christ in himself and that he would find god and his glory enjoyable. That he might know heaven as his home. This world of love that is the expression in in time and space in creation of what the triune god has like within himself and that mutual love and adoration and commitment of each of the persons to the others and the the the world of love And now, this almighty power.

Didn't frighten him. It reminded him of what was Underwriting. The certainty. That he had come at last into that blessedness that lasted to that world. Instead of being terrified, he was thrilled. You see, being justified through faith in jesus christ. Is like having elicious prayer for gehazi and served for us.

So that our eyes would be opened. And we would see not Hosts armies of angels. As impressive as i'm sure they were. But that we would with eyes of faith know. That the living god has for us. Peace. Instead of wrath. Peace in the place of wrath and true.

Peace. If you don't have peace with god, And our lord jesus christ, you're stuck with that first revelation, not the revelation of the righteousness. Of god that is by faith in jesus christ that has been revealed apart from the law and that wonderful Conclusion. While moving towards climax, i guess.

And in chapter 3, But you have only the, the revelation of the wrath of god against all ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men, we can't live that way. And so someone who does not know himself to be right with god through faith in jesus christ, he usually deals with the fact that he knows that god's wrath is against him.

And one of three ways And they all bleed into one another. It's not They're not all that distinct. The first is legalism. Legalism is a bad conscience, a conscience that is using the wrong standard. Whether it's invented laws, altogether things that i think that i can keep and and therefore That i can make myself feel superior to others.

And will boast by looking at and considering others. Even though, of course, we would not be able to boast before God. At the beginning of this chapter we were thinking about Abraham and those terms. So either completely made up things or the legalism of the Pharisees, Taking things that God has said.

Majoring in the ones that we think we do a superficial job. Superficially, good job on and deciding that it's just that surface.

If the legalist deals with the lack of peace, By trying to create his own way. To peace. If we're not justified by God through faith in Jesus Christ, we might fall into legalism or we might fall into antonymism. Antonymism isn't so much a bad conscience as it is no conscience at all.

It's a seared conscience. As Paul is warning, Timothy about those, whose consciences are as if seared with a hot iron where they're used to be that, that tenderness before God, there's just this great big callus of deadness. And no longer feel that they are under wrath. Because they have.

Trained. With. The burning of that conscience over and over again deciding that we don't need to keep the law. That God's that the Gospel is somehow. Our coming to realize that that God isn't upset with us and neither should we be. In fact, there are many who sit under a sort of preaching and teaching that says, feeling guilty, when you sin as a bad thing, They actually train a seared conscience.

Feeling guilty with new sin, there's a wonderful thing if it sends you to the Lord Jesus Christ, You should feel guilty when you sin. And you should feel and know yourself to be righteous. When you turn to Christ and find again, His cross has not been undone. The propitiation is still complete.

His righteousness is still perfect. And you and he hate the same sin.

Or made up religion, altogether. There are many who do not have. The Bible, but they do have the knowledge that they are under the wrath of God. And so they invent all sorts of things to try and give them themselves peace. There's no way to have peace with God, except Through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And so they use religion like drugs. Covering over the disease. Taking another shot of that spiritual morphine. Click the button again.

This includes, of course, atheism. Atheism is a made up, religion. We have an innate inherent knowledge of God. It is a great irony, isn't it? That the one who who thinks himself so much wiser than all those fools with their made up religion? Has actually made up a religion of not having religion.

So that he can feel better. About the fact that he's under the wrath of God,

So they're all kinds of false peace. And the last thing we want, There's false peace. And give your Child. Painkillers and they've got that lower abdominal pain and you keep giving the painkillers. And if it's an appendicitis, That appendix will burst. And that bacterial. Infestation. We'll colonize his entire abdomen.

And eat all of his vital organs.

It's important to know. That you have true. Peace with god. Not be like, The jews were in Romans chapter 2. Just a couple chapters ago, where The apostle had to disabuse them. Of the peace that they thought they had so that they would have their mouth shut by the law.

And know that by the works of the law. No flesh would be justified in god sight. Why? So that they could see the righteousness of god, that was revealed apart from the law that righteousness that was through faith in jesus christ. You remember? The ones who are called jew and rested on the law and made their boast in god.

Knew his will approved the things that were excellent, being instructed out of the law. None of those things necessarily in, and of themselves being bad, but then, And our confident that you yourself. Are. And we remember those pairs. That came after that. But what is the one who is justified?

By faith. His confident that christ himself is. Christ himself is a teacher christ himself as the light christ himself is righteous. And christ himself has given himself to be mine. And if he is mine that i am righteous in him, That's true. Peace. Given by god accomplished by god, applied by god.

And therefore we know it will stand.

Therefore having been justified by faith. We have peace with god and it is therefore, a complete peace. Jesus was just exhibited as a propitiation. We won't take the time to reprieach all these things but chapter 3 and verse 25. Having completely absorbed consumed, the wrath of god, for all of the sins of every single one for whom he died.

You have a complete peace with god. You may not enjoy it completely yet or experience it to completely yet your remaining sin gets in the way. But you have peace with god. Through the lord, jesus christ. And it has been completed by him and your experience of it, you're feeling of it.

Will be complete. We have an assured piece assured, especially by the resurrection. That was just last week's passage and which immediately proceeded here. That it was written that. It was imputed. For us. Because righteousness is imputed to us. Who believe in him who raised up jesus, our lord from the dead, that is the triune god.

The father who raised up jesus, the son, who raised up himself, the spirit who raised up jesus. Knowing that justice surely as he had to be delivered up on account of our sins. So also surely he has been raised up on account of our justification. It's an unassailable piece.

If you have peace with god, No one is able to make war on you. They may be at war against you but they can't make war on you. Because what can they do that? God who rules an overrules, all things isn't already using an intending to use for your good.

If god is for us, who can be against us? Well, in one sense, the answer to that is everyone can be against us. Because it doesn't matter. They're still being used. For us. It is an unassailable. Peace.

Even all that. The devil himself does. Or any evil spirit us. To bring temptation. To. Take advantage of my remaining sin. What are they doing? But exposing that, which the spirit of christ, the spirit of god in me hates, And as i'm led by that spirit and i make war Don't you see?

Even the demons cannot do anything to you even laying hold of and trying to take advantage of your remaining fletchliness. And they're exposing the enemy. So that the spirit can continue

leading you in the Assault. On that remaining sin. Whose days are numbered? Having been justified by faith, we have an unassailable piece.

We have peace with the lord himself.

This is going to. Appear that. Benediction the second to last chapter. He says, now the god of peace be with you all. Amen. It's an abbreviated Version of or form of what he says at the end of second Thessalonians. Second Thessalonians. 3:16 now may the lord of peace himself give you peace always.

In every way. In every way. Piece of conscience. He is not true. Peace. If you're okay with it. But we have peace of conscience. Both by walking in opposition to our sin and the lord by his grace, enabling us more, and more to put that sin to death. And then when we do sin, keeping that short account with god, Immediately having recourse to this justification that is through faith in jesus christ, where i don't need to feel like i'm doing better than i am.

Because christ having done perfectly for me. Will work powerfully in me.

And so i don't allow any sin to continue. You don't allow it to go on answered. As soon as the temptation to sin appears, we give it the loud. No. And when we fail and we fall, and we stumble, We come away from a conversation. We've just gossiped again.

You use your eyes incorrectly. You've just lusted again. You feel yourself in your heart, thinking about someone who has wounded you or who's, who has Being an enemy towards you. And you have bitterness and malice again.

You repent. Say, oh, lord. I have more malice. Forgive me for jesus's sake. Help me to put off. All bitterness and wrath and malice and All those things. Help me again. Help me more by the fruit of your spirit. Work in me, more love more joy. More peace. Because he's the lord of peace.

He hasn't just giving you peace with him. He's given us peace in every way. Even peace with one another. Isn't the easiest person to have peace with the one? Who has peace with god? The one who is unpretentious. The one who is continually putting to death, His own unforgiveness towards you.

And now, put two of those people together. How long can a conflict remain between them? Sometimes. It remains a good while. You know, yuria and a centigy But not put a congregation of them together.

Peace with the lord of peace himself. Who gives us to maintain, not only peace of conscience but peace with one another

Why would a believer want to return to the misery of a guilty conscience? The misery of. Not settling accounts quickly and completely with God. And having to go back to wonder, whether he really is an enemy of his sin. Stumbling into sin. Doesn't mean you're an enemy of it.

Not dealing with it. That's When the question starts to rise. You know. The reason the tears aren't pulled. Is because there are Those in the kingdom. Who. Look so much like a tear that you can't tell the difference.

And you lose, don't you? Piece of conscience you lose, even your entirely or experience of the peace of God, even if you had been justified. Because now you can't tell.

Well. Thought we would finish a verse and we finished a half Will come next week to consider that the one who has peace with god has peace with him through. Our lord jesus christ. And what it means for us. That the jesus. Through whom we are justified by whom we have been justified by faith in him.

That there's only one. And that, that jesus is the lord christ. Many other people actually go by the name, jesus. There are many ideas that people have to, which they give the name jesus. But the only one who justifies. The only one through whom you can have peace with god.

Is the lord jesus christ. And the lord helping us. Will consider that together next week.