SUNDAY:

Grace-Filled Identity

@REMNANTCHURCH



Romans 5:1-5 ESV

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering

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produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

"As Fathers and Mothers, the single best thing we can do for our families is to realize who we are in Christ and start living it out in front of them."



Remember:

Grace is the super natural empowerment of God, that enables you to become the person he sees when He looks at you through Jesus

This message is going to talk about us coming into full agreement with that, and then how we start wearing it!



1a Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

- Our past, present, and future has been completely and entirely paid for by Jesus
- "Justified" is a Divine judicial pronouncement by God that you are free from all your guilt and sin, and can now stand clean before Him, so that we can start stepping into the fullness of a relationship with Him.

1b - we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus,

- Because of Jesus, there is no more struggle or wrestling with God over our sin and where we stand with Him
- On your best day as a son or daughter of God, there is nothing that you bring that adds to your salvation
- On your worst day as a son or daughter of God, He never pulls away from you



2a - Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace

- Because of Jesus we have direct and complete access to Father God
- "By faith"... you must believe that you have right standing and access with God into this "grace", this position that has been entirely paid on for on you behalf

2b - in which we stand,

- From Father God's point of view, He absolutely loves every part of this position you now have with Him. It was His plan.
- From our perspective we are now Sons and Daughters of the God of creation.
- We can stand in the presence of God and enjoy Him as long as we want, anytime we wish.



2c - and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- "I can rejoice in the absolute certainty that the glory of God will be made manifest in me". Jon Courson
- From God's perspective, I am already justified, perfect in his eyes.
- But from my perspective, I know I am not, but I do know that He is at working His perfecting process in me.



Luke 15: 17-24

²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

- The father had already fully accepted him as if he had never left...restored him fully
- But the son was still self identifying, as if his worth was only that of a paid servant



3a - Not only that, But we rejoice in our suffering

- Rejoice doesn't mean you are happy about it or that it is fun
- In Greek it means to express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally noteworthy—'to boast.
- You can have confidence that these seasons of suffering are going somewhere

knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

God uses discomfort and unexpected circumstances to produce Kingdom character and thinking in us, which is always moving us closer and closer into a greater likeness of Christ.



When God allows or even ordains these seasons to touch us, there must be an unwavering commitment to staying in "relationship and process with Him.



Three things you must stay on top of:

You cannot allow your current circumstances to define who you are.

Judges 6:1-24 - Gideon



Three things you must stay on top of:

You cannot allow Satan to steal the seed that God is starting to develop in you.

1 Peter 5:8&9



Three things you must stay on top of:

This "process" with God can reveal strongholds that you are not aware of and must be worked out before you can get to deeper levels of intimacy, trust, and calling with Him Judges 6:25-27 Gideon



- ⁵- and hope does not put us to shame, because Goâ's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
 - Through the Power of the Holy Spirit, the hope that you placed your trust in is being poured into you.
 - And, when it has had its work, it does not result in shame, but in a miracle testimony that is being developed you right now.



Romans 5:5 The Message

In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!



