

Romans Part Two: The Bridge from Earth to Heaven – Fifth Week

Justification Gives Us Confidence

The Blessings of Justification, pt. 2 – Romans 5:3-11

Introduction: In Romans 5:1-11, Paul describes six blessings of justification, we looked at the first three last week; we look at three more this week. The theme of these nine verses is that once we are declared right before God, we have tremendous confidence in God.

- 1. *FIRST CONFIDENCE – Hardship and pain are not signs of the meaninglessness of life; instead, they bring purpose. Romans 5:3-5***
 - A. Many people interpret hardship as a proof of the meaninglessness of life.
 - B. But, in God, hardship and affliction have purpose. 5:3b-4
 - C. The bittersweet experience: there is temporarily unfulfilled hope. 5:5

- 2. *SECOND CONFIDENCE – As we reflect on our helpless state, we come to understand the “Father-love” of God. Romans 5:6-10***
 - A. Father-love is a concept that many people struggle with.
 - B. God’s Father-love pursued us even when we didn’t deserve it. 5:6-10
 - C. But God’s Father-love breaks through, and permeates every facet of our lives.
 - D. What God’s Father-love does for us: It brings a powerful sense of security and authority!

- 3. *RESULT – Our growing confidence brings us joy in God. Romans 5:11***
 - A. Consider some of the common things that steal our joy in God.
 - B. But notice what enflames our joy.
 - C. And notice what this joy is like: a boasting.