

Romans 5:1-5  
The Most Sought After Things in the World  
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- I. The immediate effect of justification: We have PEACE WITH God. 5:1
- A. This implies a previous state of hostility between us and God.
  - B. This indicates a cessation of hostilities.
  - C. This was achieved through the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - D. This means that we have acceptance with God.
- II. The continuing effect of justification: We have ACCESS TO God. 5:2a
- A. This implies a previous state of exclusion from the presence of God.
  - B. This implies the desperate human need to gain entry into the presence of God by finding someone able to make the required introduction.
  - C. The introduction was accomplished initially through the redemptive work of Christ; it continues for believers through the priestly work of Christ.
  - D. This means that there is absolutely no barrier that can exclude us from fellowship with God.
- III. The ultimate effect of justification: We have HOPE in God. 5:2b-5
- A. The “glory of God” has two aspects: 1.) God’s glory is what God is in His essential character and power (Hebrews 1:3), which we shall behold face to face (I John 3:2). 2.) Glory is the measure of our changed lives, our Christ-likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18) and is our hope because Christ is in us (Colossians 1:27).  
NOTE: Paul focuses on this second aspect in the process of verses 3-5.
  - B. Our hope is that: 1.) we shall see God face to face, and 2.) we will be like Christ!
  - C. We can boast in the trials and sufferings of life because we know that it is making us like Christ.
  - D. The process:
    - 1. Trials produce steadfast-endurance.
    - 2. Steadfast-endurance produces (tested) character.
    - 3. Christlike character produces (stronger) hope.
  - E. The reality of our hope: The Holy Spirit confirms in our hearts that God loves us, therefore, as to
    - 1. present hope: trials and suffering do not permanently discourage us.
    - 2. future hope: we are confident that we will live with God forever.