

*The Assurance of Peace, Grace, Glory, Love, Deliverance, Salvation, Joy*  
*Romans 5:1-11*

*"If the preservation of salvation depends on what believers themselves do or do not do, their salvation is only as secure as their faithfulness, which provides no security at all. According to that view, believers must protect by their own human power what Christ began by His divine power.*

*To counteract such presumption and its consequent hopelessness, Paul assured the Ephesian church with these comforting words: 'I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places' (Eph. 1:18-20). As the apostle points out in that passage, it is of great importance for Christians to be aware of the security they now have and forever will have in Christ, a security that does not depend on their own sinful and futile efforts but on the 'surpassing greatness of His power toward us' and on the 'strength of His might.' That truth is the cornerstone of the feeling of assurance." John MacArthur*

- I. Our salvation has given us peace with God. The peace that Paul is writing about is not a subjective peace (peace of God), but an objective peace (peace with God). A person is either fighting in Satan's army, or in God's army. The only way for a soldier in Satan's army to have peace with his enemy, God Almighty, is to unconditionally surrender to his terms of peace. His terms come only through His Son, Jesus Christ, and his terms must be received by faith alone. When accepted, the result is a permanent peace with God.

Rom. 5:1

Eph. 6:11-12

Rom. 8:7

Rom. 1:18

*"One commentator summarizes the point of Romans 5:1 by saying: "Every soul has been at war with God, and therefore every soul must have peace with God through cessation of the hostilities which exist between the individual and the Creator. How is the warfare to be brought to an end? ... God has made peace, and no other peace can be made except that which he has already made...If you come in unconditional surrender, you will find him all peace toward you." Boice*

- II.** Our salvation has given us access to God's grace. Like the grace we continue to receive, the grace we stand on is immovable, and our stand on it is a permanent unwavering stand because it's his grace that we stand on and not our works.

Rom. 5:2a

Eph. 2:8,18; 3:12

Ps. 18:2

*"The key word in Romans 5:2 is "stand." By now we can see how it should be taken. By the mercy of God we have been brought into the grace of justification, and that is the grace in which we now have the privilege to stand. Before, we were standing without, as children of wrath. Now we are standing within, not as enemies or even as pardoned criminals, but as sons and daughters of Almighty God." Boice*

- III.** Our salvation assures us that we will see God in all his glory. Through suffering, he conforms us into the likeness of his Son by pouring out his love into our hearts to give us hope and to prepare us to receive our glorified bodies.

Rom. 5:2b-5

Rom. 8:30

Rom. 8:28-29

1 Cor. 13:12-13

- IV.** Our Salvation assures us that the tremendous love God expressed to powerless ungodly sinners through his Son's sacrifice, is not a fickle conditional love, but a faithful sure love that will preserve us unto the day of his appearing.

Rom. 5:6-8; 3:11; 3:23

- V.** Our salvation assures us that we will be spared from God's wrath presently, as well as in the future, because we have been forever justified by the blood of Christ which was poured out for our redemption, justification and reconciliation. Therefore, God wants us to rejoice (have deep thankfulness) over what he has done to assure us of our salvation.

Rom. 5:9-11

1 Thess. 1:10

Psalms 92:1-8,12-15