

Salvation Words: Justified, Faith, Peace, Access, Grace, Hope, Sufferings, Love, Reconciled, Boast*Ten Salvation Words*

- Entire Bible, beg to end, variety ways, tells God's plan to save us. OT history, story of God's people from whom Messiah come; Psalms, beautiful poetry, sing of salvation; prophecies, warn vs sin, foretell coming Christ; Gospels, actual words/works of Jesus; NT letters, explain what Jesus did for us, what means for us.
- Today, lesson NT letter, Rom 5 – explains what Jesus did for us, what means for us. Lesson, packed full very imp words that we need to know, so can understand God's plan to save us. Let's walk through lesson; try get better understanding, appreciation of what God has done for us through these 10 salvation words.

Justified

- **Vs. 1a.** When hear justified/justification, picture courtroom; criminal before judge; prosecuting attorney levels accusations; defense, no leg to stand on – defendant clearly guilty. Instead of issuing guilty verdict, judge transfers punishment to innocent substitute, punished in criminal's place. Then judge looks at criminal, slams gavel, "Acquitted," declared not guilty. That's just! God, judge; you/I, criminals; Jesus innocent substitute, punished in our place on cross (we deserved). Because this, God forgives sins; acquitted, declared not guilty. Justif, central msg of Bible! God justified entire world in Christ. Wants all to believe msg. Not everyone does.

Faith

- So, **vs. 1ab.** Faith: believe, holding onto; hand (bulletin usher gave). If drop, doesn't mean doesn't exist, not real. Just means not yours, don't have it, got rid. When person has faith in Jesus Savior, believes in him, they're holding onto truth. If don't have faith in Jesus, doesn't mean God's plan of salvation doesn't exist, not real. Just means not theirs, don't have it, got rid. Faith holds onto blessings God gives; doesn't earn; holds, tightly – strong faith. Weak also, but easily knocked away, devil. So as Christians, want to hold on with all might; never want let go of God's blessings. That's faith. Result is...

Peace

- **Vs. 1.** Opp of hostility, war. Time of war, pray for peace; when ends, rejoice. Because of sinful nature, we were at war with God; hostility between us. We rebelled against Creator; Lord angry over sins; he condemned; we hated him. But now, because of Jesus Christ (died, our justif) – not because of any other reason, only thru LJC – peace! God is not enemy, not hold sins vs us, not going to punish. Hostility resolved, war over. **Vs. 1.**

Access & Grace

- Goes on, **vs. 2ab.** 2 words. Access: get through doorway; without: door's locked, not allowed in; off limits. Think Pres, WH, Oval Office – can't just walk in! Not allowed; no access. Without Jesus, not allowed in, no access to God Father: can't pray, receive blessings, get to heaven.
- But **vs. 1d-2a** (access). Door now opened, into **vs. 2b.** Pres might not, but God lets us into office, better, treasure chamber. Picture vault, chamber filled with precious gems, coins, treasures – represent God's blessings, grace. You have full access into that room! Treasures = gifts of God's grace. God's undeserved love/kindness to sinners. Acronym: God's riches at Christ's expense. Those riches/treasures yours! You stand in treasure chamber. **Vs. 2.** Everything good God has, he gives to you. Holds nothing back. All yours! Grace!

Hope

- One piece of God's grace, treasure that's yours: something can't fully experience yet – eternal life with Jesus in heaven. Jesus died on cross so someday heaven. Someday is in future, not now. So now, instead of heaven, you have hope. **Vs. 2c.** Hope looks forward to something wonderful, don't have yet, but we know with confidence will be ours in future. We look forward to glory of God, eternity with Jesus in heaven. Know someday ours; it's what God has promised to give us. Hope not wishful thinking: "Hope new bike for Christmas; who knows." We have sure, certain hope, based entirely on rock solid promise of God himself.

Sufferings

- #7 on list stands out; doesn't seem to fit – sufferings. Yet, **vs. 3a**. How in world!?! He is talking real sufferings: loved one dies; watch loved one dying; diseases, aching bodies; through chemotherapy treatments; depression, mental anguish; loneliness, sense of worthlessness; persecution, bullying; any host of sufferings that press down (word meaning), squeeze life, joy out of us. How glory in that?
- I've heard people say, "Sick of people telling me, 'God's got plan; get you through; work it for good, even if can't see.' Sick of hearing that! How good from this? How loving God put me through this?" Heard people talk like that. I've felt same way; we all have, even if not bold to say.
- To all you suffering now, (or by watching of someone suffer), to all us ever have in past and will again suffer (whatever), let me tell you: this chapter of Bible promises God will work suffering out for good. **Vs. 3b-4** (pers – patient endurance, "make it through by God's grace"); (char – here, not reacting negatively to God when suffer); (hope – looking forward to future blessings). Nutshell: sufferings produce good. In 3 chapters, same: **"We know that in all things [bad things, sufferings] ...good of those who love him" (8:28)**. When you suffer, please believe God when says, "I have best interests in mind; will work for good; do love you."

Love

- Lest there be any doubt, **vs. 6-8** (love, next word). Doesn't just say love you; proves, demonstrates. On cross Jesus suffered in our place, died for us – **"while we were still sinners."** If soldier, war zone, innocent civilian; or if parent, burning building, child – obviously, love. But **vs. 8**. Enemies, died for us, rescue from eternal death.
- Here is God's most powerful answer to question, "If God loves, why let us suffer?" Says: "Love so much, I suffered death/hell in your place; crucified for you, to save you." That's how God proves/demonstrates his love – JC on cross. When we look to, focus on Christ on cross: gives strength to bear our crosses, as Jesus in Gospel, **"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34)**. Can do that because Christ took up cross for us, so we know God loves us.

Reconciled

- If God loves, then not enemy (even when bad, suffer). Former hostility between us/God, ended in peace (talked earlier) – another word: reconciliation. **Vs. 10**. Reconciled – what happens when enemies become friends. When husband/wife, brink of divorce, get counselling, restore marriage: reconciled. When two friends, had falling out, haven't spoken years, finally rekindle friendship: reconciled. We reconciled to God, through death of Jesus (**vs. 10b**) and resurrection of Jesus (**vs. 10c**). Not enemies, friends with God, because of Jesus.

Boast

- Something to boast about. Boast – last of 10 salvation words Paul uses in Rom 5. This lesson packed full of theologically powerful words to describe how God has saved us. Last word, boast. **Vs. 11b**. Usually being boastful, bad; means brag, arrogant. We nothing to brag about: God saved us, didn't deserve. But we rejoice in it; so happy re salvation, can't keep quiet. So we tell others, teach children, praise God in worship, rejoice in everything God has done to save us. That's boasting in God. So when we boast in God, we treasure internally and share externally the deep truths of these salvation words. God has saved us – something to boast about.

Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

_____	Justified	1. Looking forward in confidence to God's future blessings
_____	Faith	2. The opposite of hostility and war; we are no longer afraid of God
_____	Peace	3. Not being ashamed of but rather happily proclaiming God's salvation to others
_____	Access	4. God's undeserved kindness and love; his riches stored up for and given to us
_____	Grace	5. Acquitted; declared not guilty in God's holy courtroom, because of Jesus
_____	Hope	6. The barrier is removed; nothing separates us from God and his love
_____	Sufferings	7. God's heart, demonstrated by Jesus' death for ungodly sinners
_____	Love	8. The spiritual hand that clings to God's salvation
_____	Reconciled	9. The crosses we bear as we follow Jesus who bore the cross for our salvation
_____	Boast	10. A relationship of friendship which is now restored between us and God

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