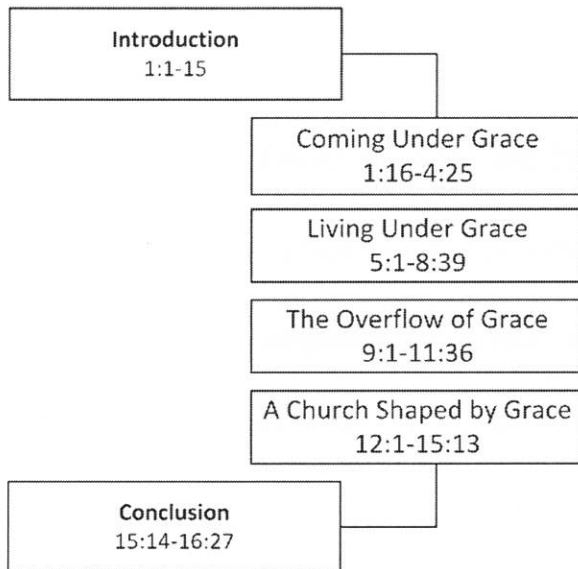


Standing in Grace and Hoping for Glory

Romans 5:1-5

Romans Structure – by Christopher Ash



So we begin this **section** in **today's** text, **Romans 5:1-5**.

Here Paul transitions into a further **explanation** of the **implications** and **benefits** of being **Justified by Grace** through **Faith** in **Christ alone**. Justification by **faith in Jesus** has brought us **peace with God** and a **hope of future glory**. This hope enables us to **stand in grace** and **rejoice even in our suffering**. **Suffering** has the **sanctifying work** of producing **perseverance** in us, **refining our character**, ever increasing our hope. All of this while we **experience** the **love of God** being poured out into our **hearts** by the **Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to us. So we **stand** in this **grace**, happily rejoicing in **hope** of the **glory** of **God**.

In today's text **Romans 5:1-5** we will see

- **5:1 – Peace with God through Jesus**
- **5:2 – Standing in Grace and Hoping for Glory**
- **5:3-4 – Rejoicing in Suffering**
- **5:5 - Happy while Hoping**

Romans 3:22-24 - 22 even the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; 23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**, 24 being **justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus**; NASB

Romans 8:1-2 - 8 There is **therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus**. 2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death**. NASB

1 John 3:1 - 3 See **how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God**; and such we are. NASB

1 Peter 1:6-10 - 6 In this **you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials**, 7 **that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**; 8 **and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly**

rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

John 6:37-40 - 37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." NASB

John 10:27-30 - 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 "I and the Father are one." NASB

Romans 8:38-39 - 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NASB

John 7:37-39 - 37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'**" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. NASB

John 14:16-22 - 16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, **but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.** 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also. 20 "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; **and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.**" NASB

Romans 6:23 - 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NASB

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. ESV

1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith Chapter 17 - The Perseverance of the Saints

1. Those God has accepted in the Beloved, effectually called and sanctified by his Spirit, and given the precious faith of his elect can neither totally nor finally fall from a state of grace. They will certainly persevere in grace to the end and be eternally saved, because the gifts and callings of God are irrevocable. Therefore, he still brings about and nourishes in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit that lead to immortality.¹ Even though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet these things will never be able to move the elect from the foundation and rock to which they are anchored by faith. The felt sight of the light and love of God may be clouded and obscured from them for a time through their unbelief and the temptations of Satan.² Yet God is still the same; they will certainly be kept by the power of God for salvation, where they will enjoy their purchased possession. For they are engraved on the palms of his hands, and their names have been written in the book of life from all eternity.³

¹John 10:28, 29; Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 2:19; 1 John 2:19. ²Psalms 89:31, 32; 1 Corinthians 11:32. ³Malachi 3:6.

2. This perseverance of the saints does not depend on their own free will but on the unchangeableness of the decree of election,⁴ which flows from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father. It is based on the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ and union with him,⁵ the oath of God,⁶ the abiding of his Spirit, the seed of God within

them,⁷ and the nature of the covenant of grace.⁸ The certainty and infallibility of their perseverance is based on all these things.

⁴Romans 8:30 Romans 9:11, 16. ⁵Romans 5:9, 10; John 14:19. ⁶Hebrews 6:17, 18. ⁷1 John 3:9. ⁸Jeremiah 32:40.

3. They may fall into grievous sins and continue in them for a time, due to the temptation of Satan and the world, the strength of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of means of their preservation.⁹ In so doing, they incur God's displeasure and grieve his Holy Spirit;¹⁰ their graces and comforts become impaired;¹¹ their hearts are hardened and their consciences wounded;¹² they hurt and scandalize others and bring temporary judgments on themselves.¹³ Nevertheless, they will renew their repentance and be preserved through faith in Christ Jesus to the end.¹⁴

⁹Matthew 26:70, 72, 74. ¹⁰Isaiah 64:5, 9; Ephesians 4:30. ¹¹Psalms 51:10, 12. ¹²Psalms 32:3, 4. ¹³2 Samuel 12:14. ¹⁴Luke 22:32, 61, 62.