

Memory Verse

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been **justified** by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God.

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Part 7

SALVATION

Peace and Hope

Various Verses

We have *defined the Gospel*, looked at some false gospels and 3 “**phases**” of *salvation*. Last time we looked at *Redemption* and being **bought** with a price and **freed** from sinful slavery to serve the Lord...

All humanity *seeks these 2 things*: **peace** and **hope**. The human heart longs for peace and hope, but they are elusive...

A. Defining Peace

*Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words, **Peace** - Old Testament.*

“Shalom! is probably the best known and most famous word in the Hebrew language. But its meaning is broad and is translated seventy different ways in one translation alone (NIV)... The Hebrew translation of

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shalom is "completeness," "wholeness," "well-being," or "welfare and peace." It is derived from a root that means "to be complete" or "to be sound." When *shalom* is best translated as "peace," this peace is more than the mere absence of war or strife. It describes a peace that is positive; a time, place, and condition that features love,

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righteousness, calmness, political and moral uprightness and much more. It is a word reserved for those who walk with God in a positive relationship.

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There are 2 aspects of peace: ***Positional*** and ***Practical***. ***Positional*** Peace has been given to us in Christ. ***Practical*** Peace is peace we grasp hold of moment by moment, day by day. *We wrongly think it is based on our circumstances, but we often live this way...*

B. Positional Peace

The unsaved person is at **war** with God!

John 3:18-19 - He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is **condemned already**, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light**, because their **deeds were evil**.

B. Positional Peace

Romans 8:7-8 - Because the carnal (*fleshly*) mind is enmity (*hostility, opposition, hatred*) against God; for it is not subject to the Law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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Ephesians 2:1-3 – And you (*Gentiles*), who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the counsel of this world, according to the prince and the power of the air, the spirit who works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all (*Jews too*) once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others...

B. Positional Peace

Our deepest need is to be brought back into a right relationship with our Creator, the One whom we rebelled against in the Garden.

How?

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we **have** (*continuous present tense*) **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Positional Peace

Peace is a gift of God: ***John 14:27*** - **Peace** I leave (*send forth*) with (*to*) you, **My peace** I give (*grant, bestow, minister*) to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

There are *2 different verbs* Jesus uses for peace: ***leave*** and ***give***.

B. Positional Peace

Ephesians 2:14a - For He Himself is our peace...

Colossians 1:20 speaks of how He ...*made peace through the blood of His cross.*

This peace does not change! It is **ours in Christ!**

C. Practical Peace

...We may **know** we have the peace of Christ and peace with God, but very often we let people, things, emotions or events **rob us** of the peace we can live in: unforgiveness, bitterness, unrighteous anger, sexual sins, selfishness, unkindness, slander, looking where we shouldn't, going where we shouldn't, pain, being betrayed or hurt, hurting ourselves, doubt, greed, pride, false humility, uncertainty, loss and more...

C. Practical Peace

1. Faith.

2. Truth. Zechariah 8:16

3. Righteousness. Isaiah 32:17

4. Thankfulness. 1 Thessalonians 5:18a

5. Nearness. John 20:19-20

C. Practical Peace

John 16:33 – These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me** you may have **peace**. In the world you **will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have **overcome** the world.

*Our Positional and Practical Peace(s) are connected to our **closeness** to Jesus.*

D. Defining Hope

*Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words, Hope -
New Testament.*

Today the word "hope" usually means nothing more than wishful thinking... [and] nothing more than a wish for something good to happen... The Greek term *elpis* denotes "confident expectation" or

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"anticipation" - not "wishful thinking." Hope is consequentially an **expectation or belief in the fulfilment of God's promises.** Biblical hope in **what God will do in the future.**

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We cannot have **hope** in God unless we have the **peace** of God. We cannot have the **peace** of God unless we have ***peace with God...***

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Romans 5:2 - through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God...

Romans 15:13 - Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and **peace** in believing, that you may abound in the **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit...

D. Defining Hope

1 Peter 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

This hope is based on the **historical fact** of the physical resurrection of Jesus...

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Colossians 1:27 - in context of sacrificial service to Jesus - To them (His saints – Jewish believers) God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory.

E. Finding Hope

1. *Scripture. Romans 15:4* – For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we thought the patience (perseverance) and comfort of the **Scriptures** might have **hope**.

Psalm 130:5 - I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His **word** I do **hope**.

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2. *Patience.* ***Romans 15:4*** and ***Psalm 130:5*** say this and this is part of the principle of future hope. We **wait** to see the fulfillment of God's promises.

Hope is the *expectation* that *we will see what God promised, looking **forward** to see how He will do it!*

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3. *Prayer. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17* - *Paul asking God for this* - Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good **hope** by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work...

E. Finding Hope

4. ***Faith***. It is only by **faith** we can have **hope...**

Romans 8:24-25 - in the context of the glory the creation and the future - For in this **hope** we were saved. Now **hope** that is **seen** is **not hope**. For who **hopes** for what he sees? But if we **hope** for what we **do not see**, we eagerly **wait** for *it* with **patience**.

F. The Impact of Peace and Hope in Our Lives

1. *Peace*. *Hebrews 12:14* - Strive for (pursue) **peace** with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

We try to live in peace with others, as much as we can: ***Romans 12:18***. God has given us peace and peace makers are blessed:

***Matthew 5:9*...**

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2. *Righteousness and harmony. James 3:18*, in the context of pure wisdom from God - Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in **peace** by those who **make peace**. - The result of living in peace is **righteousness**. To have internal peace we must *live a righteous life* and the result of peace is an *outward righteousness* within the community of faith...

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3. ***Worship***. Peace and hope lead to **worship!**

We worship God because we have peace with Him, are *no longer at war with Him* and He has given us hope in the present for eternity until He takes us home.

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4. **Boldness.** When there is peace and hope, we are **bold for Christ**. We are **not afraid** to speak to one who denies truth. We have **confidence** in Him for our lives, decisions and direction. We are **spiritually strengthened** to step out in faith and not live in fear.

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