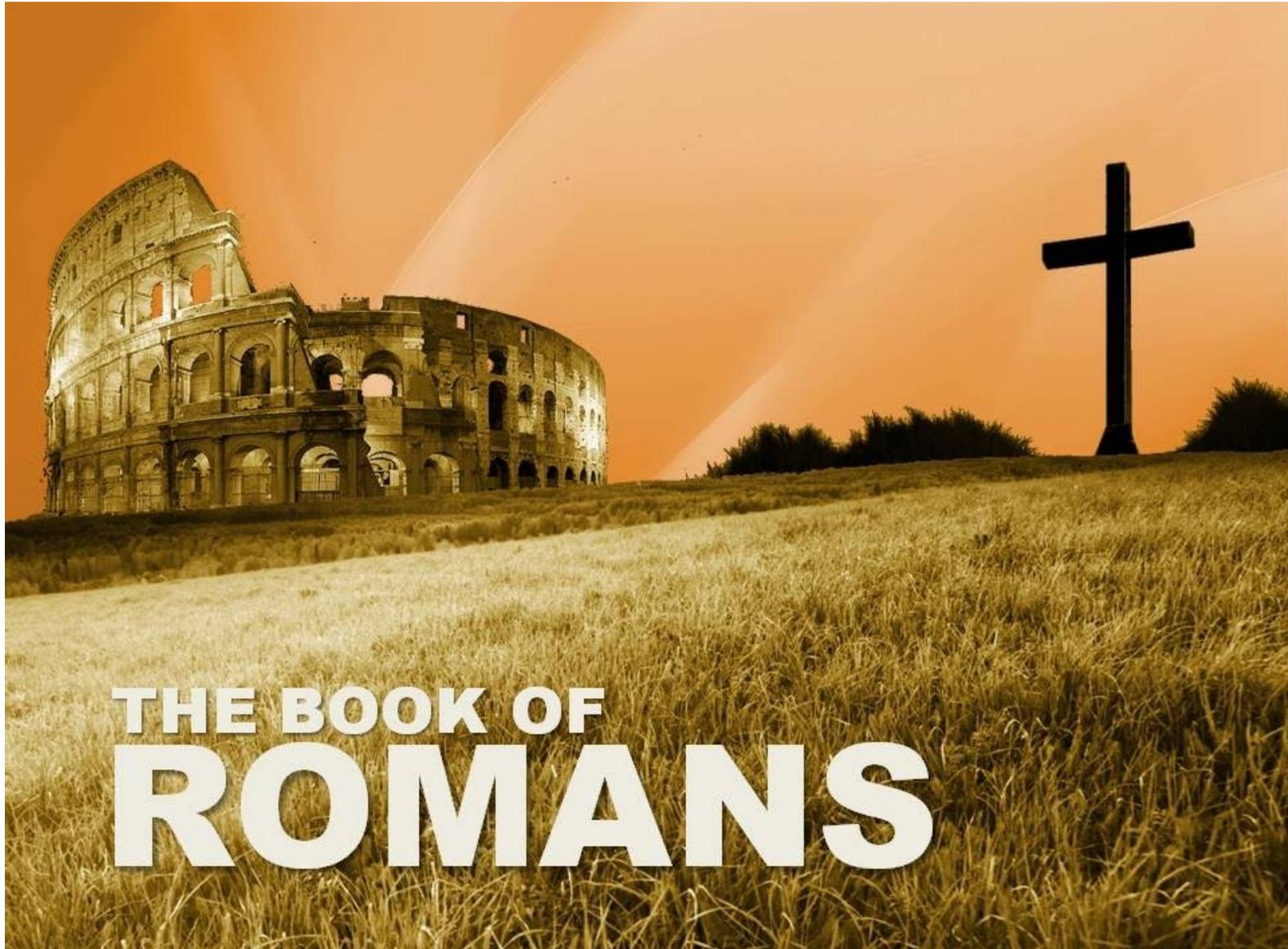


Rom 5:1-2 Having Been Justified by Faith



Background from Chapter 4



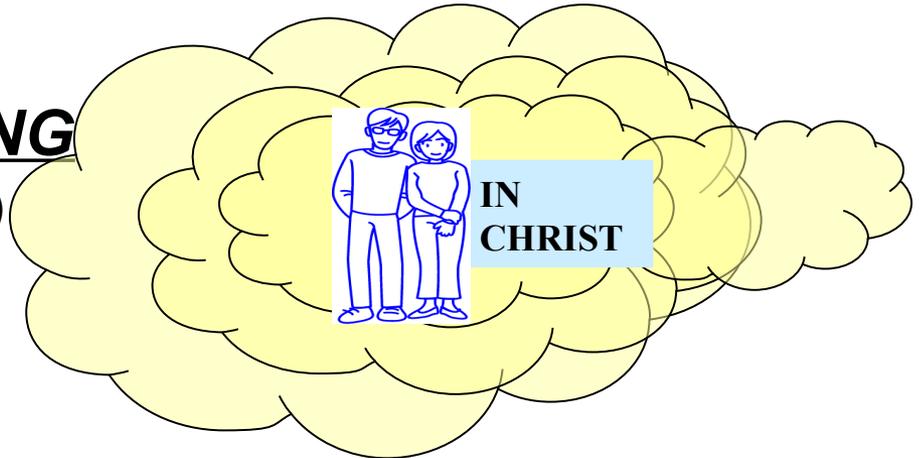
- In this chapter we saw that Abraham was justified by faith – he believed God about the birth of Isaac.
- Also we saw that believers are also justified the same way as Abraham - by faith.
- A believer is a person who places his faith upon the God who raised Jesus our Lord out from among the dead.
- Following that, we are told by Paul:
- Jesus Christ was delivered over because of our transgressions [that we committed].
- Jesus Christ was raised because of our justification [that was accomplished].
- In Chp 5 we will see the blessings of our justification.
- Justification - is a declaration by God respecting the Christian that he has been made forever right and acceptable to Himself.*

Position vs. Condition

(borrowed from D. G. Barnhouse)

Our **POSITION / STANDING** (WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST)

- Eternal
- Unchangeable



How do we know our position in Christ?*

- God tells us through His word
- He tells us what He has done through Christ on our behalf
- He reveals truths concerning us – who we are in Christ
 - Truths that never change – no matter how we walk
 - Truths which are eternally established
- Paul's method is position first, then condition

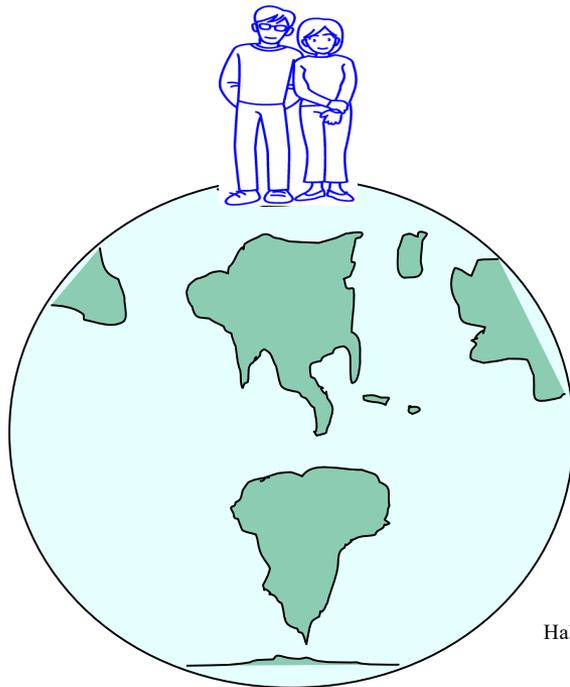
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Position vs. Condition

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How do we know our condition in the Christian life?

- God tells us through His word
- Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh
- You were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light



Our **CONDITION / STATE**
(OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE)

- Temporal
- Changeable

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Today's verses



1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.



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Therefore - *oon* - then or now – based on chapters 1- 4

having been justified - *dikaioō* - is a declaration by God that the believer has been made forever right and acceptable to Himself (aorist, passive)

- This is the first word [*dikaioo*] in the Greek sentence.
 - In Rom. 5:1, "being justified" is in the aorist tense, indicating the definite time [event] at which each person, upon the exercise of faith, was justified. Vine
 - God has performed the action and it's a fact.
- by [*ek*] faith – out from faith as source [no other way!]
- What follows will be statements by Paul about the believer's unchangeable position in Christ.



1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1st – we have peace with God

we have – lit: we are having (present, indicative, active)

- This is true of every believer whether they understand it or not.
- This truth is valid the moment a person believes and continues 24/7 (this describes who we are in Christ).

peace with God

peace - *eirēnē* – a state of harmony

- Acts 10:36b preaching peace through Jesus Christ
- Peace with God is only possible to those who believe the gospel.
- To be distinguished from “peace of God” in one’s heart via the Holy Spirit (Phil 4:7).*



1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

peace with God – cont.

with - *pros* – toward or face to face

- A justified person has peace facing God. He stands in the presence of God, guiltless and uncondemned and righteous in a righteousness which God accepts, the Lord Jesus.

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through [*dia*] our Lord Jesus Christ

- It is via the merit of another.*
- Peace is not made available through the merits of man.*
- God makes peace with Himself a reality in our lives by justifying us (declaring us righteous).*
- The whole emphasis in this chapter is what God has done through [*dia*] Jesus Christ.*

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*Merryman



2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

starting with “also” to connect with verse 1

also - *kai* precedes the word which it stresses in this case

2nd - we have obtained our introduction

we have - lit: we have had (perfect, indicative, active)

- We have had it in the past and continue to have it up into the present – it is permanent!

obtained our introduction - *prosagōgē* - a leading or bringing into the presence of - denotes “access”

- This access is associated with the thought of freedom to enter through the assistance or favor of another. Vine



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- next we observe this access is “through whom” which refers to Jesus Christ back in verse 1
- This access is through Jesus Christ alone
- Man outside of Jesus Christ has no access by faith into this grace
 - a. by faith
 - faith is not a work – it is trusting another!
 - faith always has an object – it’s Jesus Christ
 - we believe He is the only one worthy to give us access

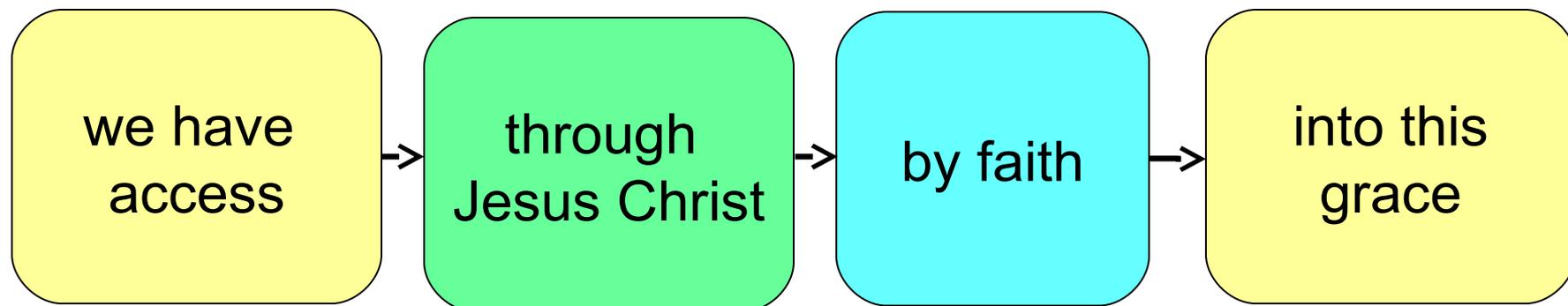


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by faith into this grace - cont.

b. into [*eis*] this grace

- Grace is the unlimited and unmerited blessing of God, based on the totally adequate work of Christ. McCalley
- Again our access into this grace could not be gained by our own efforts:





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in which we stand

which refers back to grace in this verse

3rd - lit: we stand in grace

stand – *histēmi* – establish, set in place (perfect, ind. active)

- We have stood in grace in the past and continue to stand in grace into the present – it is permanent!
- Again God has accomplished this in every believer's life
- The idea is that of being immovable*
- We are entrenched in God's grace*
- This is our permanent living quarters* * Molloy



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4th - we exult in hope

we exult - *kauchaomai* - to boast, to glory, to rejoice

(present, ind. middle)

- The idea is that we are continually rejoicing
- middle voice – your personal involvement in rejoicing

in hope

- Since God is the source of this hope it is an absolute certainty
- We see in Rom 5:5 that “hope does not disappoint”

of the glory of God

- This glory is who God is – it’s His essence
- Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus



The believer's unchangeable position in Christ from Romans 5:1-2

- we have peace with [face to face] God
- we have obtained our introduction [access]
- we stand in [God's] grace
- we exult [rejoice] in hope

Final Thoughts*



- Our position is the way God sees us in Christ.
- Our position is what God made us the moment we believed.
- Our position, the source of our Christian life, is perfect:
 - It is established in the Father's presence.
 - The Holy Spirit created us in the position that was established through Christ's work at Calvary – 2 Cor 5:17.
 - Our position is eternal and immutable.
- God gives us the power in order that our condition should be in keeping with our position.
- If we live in the Spirit – that is our position.
- If we walk in [by] Spirit – that is our condition.

* Barnhouse, Stanford, Stoney



A message from Hal Molloy from December 1998

Hey Tom or Sally,

- Do you know – God is not mad at you – He loves you!
- The chasm (great distance) between you and God because of your sins has been removed by Christ's death, burial and resurrection.
- God is not putting your sins to your account.
- He has placed them all on Christ.
- You can have peace with God – just believe in the Gospel:
- That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- Faith (belief) is not a work.