Seek Peace and Pursue it: Enabling
Romans 5:1-10
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Romans 5:1-10 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! 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! (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. ____________ of self-justification

__________ blame: God said: “I gave you one simple command, ‘Don’t eat of the one tree in the garden!’” Adam responded, ‘But it was the woman, who you put with me, by the way. She gave it to me, and I ate it! It’s not my fault!’”

Genesis 3:11b-12 (JOT)

2. ____________ peace empowered with hope

__________ : Since we are right with God through faith in God’s promises, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have been ushered into having an underserved grace on which we stand...

Romans 5:1-2a (JOT)

3. Living beyond ____________

__________ demonstration: But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.

Romans 5:8 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:
When you stand before God, how will you be justified? What will be the basis for your defense of what you have done? All of us have gone astray and pursued our ways, rather than the ways of God’s peace. Accept the love that God has historically and publically shown to you through Jesus’ dying on a cross. Let go of self-justification, and admit that you have sinned and fallen short of honoring God in your life. Invite God into your life, and admit that you need His help! Let the Holy Spirit infuse your life with the love of God! This week, read Romans 5 and Isaiah 55 and hear God’s gracious invitation to accept His grace into your life.