

STUDYING THE BOOK OF ROMANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 10 - Peace and Joy - [Romans 5:1-11](#)

Read the following verses in the Last Days Bible or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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Peace with God

5 So we too have been made right with God by believing what He promised us. And the great peace we are now enjoying with Him is a result of our believing what He promised regarding what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us.

² Having gained this peace by faith in Jesus, we are now in a position of undeserved favor with God. As a result, we are now continually in high spirits in the hope we have of sharing God's glory.

³ Not only that, but we are also highly elated even as we endure all kinds of severe trials, because we know that these trials produce in us patience to remain true to the Lord to the end.

⁴ And patient endurance builds character that is approved by God; and when we have a character that is approved by God, we can hope with great certainty.

⁵ We know we will never be disappointed in the hope we have, because God has already poured out His love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us.

⁶ Because at the right time, while we were still utterly helpless, Christ died for those who were living in complete disregard for God.

⁷ It's rare that anyone is willing to die, even for a good, honest person. But someone might be willing to die for someone truly good.

⁸ But God reveals how intensely and deeply He loves us, because Christ died for us when we were still living in rebellion against obeying or pleasing Him in any way.

⁹ Since we have now been made right with God by the blood Jesus shed when He died for us, it is even more certain that we will be saved through Him from God's fierce punishment of sinners.

¹⁰ Because if God made it possible for us to become His friends by means of the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, how much more certain we can be—now that we have been won over to friendship with Him—that Jesus will save us, now that He's a living, exalted, and triumphant Redeemer!

¹¹But that's not all; we now also rejoice in the extreme in our glorious relationship with God as a result of our restored friendship with Him, which all came about through our Lord Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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109. What does it mean to be justified?
110. What is the basis for our justification with God? ([5:1](#))
111. What is our relationship with God if we have been justified by faith? ([5:1](#))
112. How does Jesus Christ change a person's standing with God? ([5:2](#))
113. For what reasons can a Christian rejoice? ([5:2-3](#))
114. What good things can result from suffering? ([5:3-5](#))
115. Why does hope not disappoint us? ([5:5](#))
116. How has God demonstrated His love for us? ([5:6-8](#))
117. What comparisons can be made between people giving their lives for others and Christ's death for all people? ([5:7-8](#))
118. What was our relationship to God when Christ came to die for us? ([5:8](#))
119. What aspect of Christ's death justifies a person in God's sight? ([5:9](#))
120. How did God act to remove the barrier between Himself and all people? ([5:9-10](#))
121. If God has demonstrated His love to us through Jesus' death, what can we anticipate concerning our future relationship with God? ([5:10](#))
122. For what reasons can a Christian rejoice? ([5:11](#))

Lesson 11 - Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ - [Romans 5:12-21](#)

Adam and Christ Compared

¹²Here's what had happened: Sin entered the world because of what one man did, and the result of sin was death. Therefore death strikes everyone, because everyone has sinned.

13 So sin was in the world even before the Law of Moses was given, but a person is not charged with committing sin where there is no law.

14 Just the same, death still reigned over everyone from the time of Adam until Moses appeared on the scene, even over those who hadn't sinned in the same way that Adam had. In some ways, Adam was like Christ, who was to come later.

15 What a huge difference there is between the results of the sin of Adam and the free gift offered through Christ. Because death came to many through Adam's sin, but now in a much greater way, God's mercy has come in overwhelming measure to many through the gift of mercy offered us through the other Man, Jesus Christ.

16 There's another great difference between Adam's sin and God's gift: The one sin of Adam resulted in judgment and condemnation to death for everyone. But the free gift offered through Christ, even after we had been guilty of so many sins, has resulted in right standing with God being offered to everyone.

17 Yes, death ruled because of the action of one man, because of his sin. But how much greater are the results from what the other Man, Christ Jesus, did. Those who receive God's abundant grace, and the gift of right standing with Him, will reign in life through this one man, Jesus Christ.

18 So just as one sin resulted in all people being condemned to death, in the same way, one act of righteousness resulted in God accepting us and giving us the gift of life.

19 So just as everyone came under judgment as sinners because of one man's disobedience, now everyone can be made right with God because of one Man's obedience.

20 In fact, the Law was given so that everyone could see how much sinning was actually going on. But while sinning was shown to be taking place everywhere, God's grace has been shown to be rich and overflowing in far greater superabundance.

21 So while sin ruled over us, it caused our death! But God's grace was triumphant by means of His plan which enabled Him to offer us right standing with Himself and eternal life, all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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123. In what ways are all people the same?

124. What did Adam introduce into the world and pass on to his descendants? ([5:12](#))

125. What is the root cause of death? ([5:12](#))
126. How did the coming of God's law affect the presence of sin in the world? ([5:13](#))
127. How did the coming of God's law affect our understanding of what sin is? ([5:13](#))
128. What came into the world through Jesus Christ? ([5:15](#))
129. What is God's solution to the inevitable problem of sin and death? ([5:16-17](#))
130. In what ways are the acts of Jesus and Adam similar? ([5:18-19](#))
131. What is the relationship between the amount of sin and grace in the world? ([5:20](#))
132. What effect did God's righteous law have on rebellious people? ([5:20](#))
133. What does sin in this world produce? ([5:21](#))
134. What does grace given by God to this world produce? ([5:21](#))
135. How can knowing you are forgiven and righteous before God through Jesus Christ affect your attitudes and actions?