



LOVE SO AMAZING

IS WORKING WITHIN THE BELIEVER Rom. 5:1-5

2022 THEME

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation **worketh** patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; **because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Our theme for 2022 is... LOVE SO AMAZING. We have considered “LOVE SO AMAZING” in several different perspectives.

Last week, we considered LOVE SO AMAZING DURING THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE. Life’s challenges faced by faithful believers are opportunities to experience God’s interventions and know Him as “...my strength...my rock...my fortress...my deliverer...my God...my strength...my buckler...the horn of my salvation...my high tower.” (Psa. 18:1-2.)

This morning we will consider how...

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What motivates a believer to live a different lifestyle than the average citizen of the world? Why was Paul's life such a radical turn-around from his former religiosity? Why have some believers lived a life of sacrifice for the glory of God? What makes them "tick"?

Too much of modern Christianity is related to “association” to Scriptural principles and not to “causation” of spirituality motivated by, and empowered by, the Holy Spirit.

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Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, **why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,**
21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;
22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?
23 Which things have indeed **a shew of wisdom in will worship**, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Knowing and having amazing love for Christ has a profound effect upon a believer. As we notice in the passage, in verse three, the word “worketh” is used:

Rom. 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation **worketh** patience;

Original Word: κατεργάζομαι

Transliteration: katergazomai

Definition: to work out; **Usage:** I effect by labor, achieve, work out, bring about.

katergazomai – **literally, "work down to the end-point."**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2716.htm>

Jas. 1:3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith **worketh** patience.

And, "...**faith worketh by love.**" (Gal. 5:6b)

A believer cannot help but be motivated to live a life for God's glory:

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out** your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For **it is God which worketh in you** both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

- ❖ The genuine, born-again believer understands salvation from God's perspective.
- ❖ The imputation of Christ's righteousness has made the difference.

Rom. 4:6 Even as David also describeth the
blessedness of the man, unto whom **God imputeth
righteousness without works,**

8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not
impute sin.

❖ Consider the testimony of Abraham:

Rom. 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; **but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;**

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And **therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.**

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But **for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was **delivered for our offences,** and was **raised again for our justification.**

Jas. 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called **the Friend of God.**

❖ The groundwork for our passage is the imputation of Christ's righteousness, given by grace to undeserving sinners, providing justification in the eyes of God.

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

I. HOW GOD HAS LIFTED US, 5:1-5

A. As to Our Standing, 5:1-2

1. We Have Acceptance, 5:1

- ❖ In Rom. 4, David and Abraham were used as examples of the imputation of Christ's righteousness to a believer. As a consequence, Rom. 5:1 states believers are justified by faith.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

- ❖ How can guilty sinners be accepted before a Holy Judge?
- ❖ The Eternal Justice of the Peace must receive sinners who are justified according to His terms of righteousness.
- ❖ Justification of sinners can only be accomplished through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Jn. 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

2 **And he is the propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

❖ Justification by faith through the expiatory propitiation for our sins can only be procured by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ As we understand propitiation we understand God's love toward us:

1 Jn. 4:10 **Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.**

❖ As our Advocate, the Lord Jesus does not make a plea of mercy for us; He appeals for our righteousness and consequential justice which provides “peace with God.”

2. We Have Access, 5:2

Rom. 5:2 **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- ❖ Believers stake their testimony upon the grace of their relationship with Christ – **“By whom...wherein we stand...”**

Original Word: ἵστημι

Transliteration: histémi

Definition: to make to stand, to stand

Usage: trans: I stand, stand by, stand still; met: I stand ready, stand firm, am steadfast.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2476.htm>

- ❖ Through the Lord Jesus Christ we have “peace with God” that is only accessible “by faith into this grace wherein we stand...” = experiencing this “grace” also produces a joy that causes the believer to “...rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

❖ Believers have hope in this life because of the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross.

Rom. 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God. ...

11 And not only so, but we also **joy** in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Gal. 6:14 But God forbid that I should **glory**, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

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❖ A genuine relationship with Christ begins at salvation and continues for a lifetime.

Rom. 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness**, and **peace**, and **joy in the Holy Ghost**. ...

19 Let us therefore **follow after the things which make for peace**, and things wherewith one **may edify another**.

❖ The fuel of the believer's soul is a combination of love and faith.

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

2 Tim. 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, **in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

❖ Love So Amazing is Working within a Believer = a radical lifestyle, producing love, joy, peace and a determination to live life for His glory.

Conclusion

1 Thess. 5:16 **Rejoice evermore.**

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

Too much of modern Christianity is related to “association” to Scriptural principles and not to “causation” of spirituality motivated by, and empowered by, the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 4:30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Jn. 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **my peace** I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Jn. 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that **in me ye might have peace**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but **be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**