

Living Water Fellowship

3rd Sunday in Pentecost – 26th June 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION SING TO JESUS (ROBBIE SEAY BAND)

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONG: VIDEO – REST MY SOUL (Tim Timmons)-CCL Licence 384660

BIBLE READING: Romans 5:1-11 & 18-19

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, & we confidently & joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems & trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ Endurance develops strength of character, & character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ This hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

¹⁸ Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹ Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

FAITH CHAT:

1. What's the worst part about being "at odds with" or "out of sorts with" someone you care about?
2. What's the most important part of restoring a damaged relationship? How does that usually work for you?

THE MESSAGE: OPERATION GOSPEL: GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS

OFFERING SONG: VIDEO – *Jesus Strong & Kind* (Colin Buchanan) CCLI 384660

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship during Communion:

VIDEO – *DEATH WAS ARRESTED* (Seth Condrey/Northpoint Community Church)-CCL Licence 384660

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God, the Father gives you peace.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: VIDEO – *A MIGHTY FORTRESS* CCL Licence 384660

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Romans 5:1-11 & 18-19. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. What blessings does Paul say we receive through being made right with God (justification) in Jesus' death & resurrection? (hint: there are 3) What does it mean to "boldly & confidently look forward to sharing God's glory" (some translations say "boast")?
3. Why is it difficult even for Christians to allow our faith, tested & tempered by suffering, to produce all the blessings/results Paul says it will? Why do you think we give up too easily & give in to despair?
4. What's the relationship between peace & hope? How do those operate in your life? Why does hope in Christ not disappoint us? How do we know God dearly loves us? (v5)
5. As Paul describes the impact of being made right/justified has on us, is he describing feelings or objective reality? What's the difference? How could it be dangerous to rely on "feeling saved" or "feeling close to God" over against claiming by faith the peace with God that is already yours in Christ & the hope that is established within you by the power of the Holy Spirit?
6. Compare Galatians 2:15-17 & 3:10-14 with Romans 5:1-2. What common words, phrases, & themes do you find? What light does this shed on understanding "justification" or "being made right in God's sight" as a result of this comparison?
7. Read verses 5:6, 8 & 10. How does Paul refer to "us/we" in these verses? If you define someone that way, how do you treat them? How does God treat us?
8. Read all of Chapter 5 & note: in verses 9, 15, 17 & 20 Paul compares God's grace to something destructive. How is grace by comparison? What is the effect of grace compared over against those other destructive things? How does that encourage you?
9. What sort of parallels are drawn between Adam & Christ?
10. Along with the benefits gained through faith in Jesus, what responsibilities are also now carried? How do you live those responsibilities in your life?
11. What does this text call you to do?