

Three Gifts of Justification by Faith

Romans 5:1-2

Context

- **1:18-32** Because all mankind has sinned, all are guilty before God and deserve His holy, righteous, and eternal punishment.
- **2:1-3:31** **Justification only comes through faith** in God's Word apart from any works of the flesh or of the Mosaic Law.
- **4:1-25** Abraham's Old Testament example of **justification through faith** in God's Word.

Immediate Context – 4:23-5:1

²³ But the words "it was **counted** to him" were not written for his (*Abraham's*) sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also.

It will be **counted** to us who **believe** in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our **justification**. ^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith...**

BIG IDEA: *There is nothing better (or more important) than being justified by God through faith in Jesus Christ.*

- I. Christians have been given eternal _____ with God.
(5:1)

II. Christians have been given direct _____ into the positional and sustaining _____ of God. (5:2a)

III. Christians have been given life-changing _____ because of God's present and promised _____. (5:2b)

Application

1. If you are a Christian, rejoice and rest in the peace, grace, and hope that you have in God as your Heavenly Father.
2. If you are *not* a Christian, then you are at war with God, have not tasted of God's saving grace, and you are without hope, and your father is the Devil (**John 8:44-45**).

But that does not need to be the end of the story!

- ❖ *Agree with God and **admit** your sin/depravity!*
- ❖ *Repent of (turn away from) your sin by **believing** in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.*
- ❖ ***Forever receive** God's gift of salvation and justification through faith in Jesus Christ alone!*