

Romans 5A Listening Guide

1. Salvation from the penalty of sin is not gained by our efforts.
2. We are _____ righteousness...through a faith in Jesus Christ. It's settled.
3. Can we really find a peace in that gospel? Can we be sure that God is satisfied in our faith alone? Can one person solve the problem of so many?
4. Paul answers these questions in Chapter 5.
5. Paul addresses a concern that justification by faith alone leaves some room for _____ concerning our reconciliation with God...and whether one man's righteousness could be sufficient to _____ for so many who are in sin.
6. This entire chapter presupposes... that the audience agrees with you that justification is by _____ alone.

Vs. 1

7. Paul is about to make a logical deduction from the starting point that you are justified by faith alone.
8. Justified is in the *aorist tense* – a past act that started something that is now continuously _____. **Having been** declared justified.
9. There was a point in the past when we were _____ justified and it stuck and it is now _____ true thereafter, not because of some _____ action today but because of some past act that made it true.
10. The results, consequences, benefits of our justification.
By our justification we have _____ with God.
11. It's not an experiential issue. It is a relationship with _____ that has changed as a result of this righteousness having been _____ to you.
12. Before, we were in _____ now...we have found His complete _____. There is no longer any animosity between us and God.
13. You have no obligation, nor need...to make decisions...so as to maintain _____ with God. (With respect to peace and justification.) Now what you do is not being done from a motivation to make peace or keep peace.

Vs. 2

14. Through Jesus Christ we _____ our introduction by faith into this _____.

15. **Obtained** means *to possess or to have*. **Introduction** means *to access or bring into a state*. So through Christ we gain...our _____ into this grace of being at peace with God, through faith.

16. **Ephesians 2:17**. This peace we have with God on the basis of a justification that's happened in the past. It put us into God's _____; we are now adopted sons and daughters.

17. God's work in _____ life yielded for us justification, _____ with God...and number three, we have _____ to God's grace...unmerited favor.

18. What constitutes _____ can not be measured in the _____ eyes. God doesn't use the world's measures. Our unmerited favor will come in the form of tribulations or growth in our _____ character. Ultimately it will see its form taken in _____ inheritance.

Vs. 2

19. The joy that is unique to Christian living...is *not* _____ dependant. The joy of the _____ is situationally dependent – I'm happy today and I may not be tomorrow. If I'm getting what I want, I'm happy.

20. The joy of a Christian...whatever might come our way...doesn't overwhelm us with respect to our outlook for the _____.

21. Joy is everlasting. It is not dependant on our situation...and is more evident in _____ Christians because maturity is all about perspective.

22. We can exalt even in our tribulations...what greater proof do we have that we have been _____ by our faith? We face the end of this life without fear.

23. There are tangible benefits even now. As we persevere...it grows spiritual character; strength and resolve in our faith.

24. As we go through trials...we reach a point of greater and greater _____, knowing that... God is building me up so I can serve him well and I have even greater hope for that future date.

25. You were brought into _____ with God because of Christ. You were brought into _____ by a faith which itself was made possible by Christ. And the work by the Spirit is the source of your _____ even now during the maturing process. (All believers are given the gift of the Spirit.)

26. Together all of these points build a case that having been brought into a state of justification by God's work, through our faith in that work, we have tangible things we can point to that make clear that this is an _____ and permanent plan.

27. Your hope and perseverance will not result in _____. It is proof that _____ is working in you.

Vs. 6

28. Paul is going to reinforce your certainty of God's _____ to this plan of redemption...from the perspective of _____ looking at _____, not us looking at God.

Vs. 9

29. Am I really going to get through the judgment process without wrath? "Have I really been saved by faith", is a uniquely Christian question.

30. In every case [doubt] is proof of God's _____. He never enters someone's life to do that kind of work except to bring it to its _____-its natural conclusion of faith.

31. Paul describes men from God's point of view...in 4 ways in increasingly unflattering ways. In verses 6, 8, and 10, we start out as _____, we move to _____, then to sinners, then to _____. He simultaneously describes _____ in increasingly _____-filled ways. We see more and more of God's _____ even as we are seen in less and less _____ terms.

32. Even while we stood in an _____ state, helpless as we were, God took _____... at the _____ time. It wasn't dependant on us.

33. Christ came because it was God's appointed _____.

34. God took it upon Himself to _____ in order to correct our sin-problem.

35. The whole plan started...while you weren't even yet _____ to do the right thing. We did nothing to deserve that selfless act and we're still in that same state today. God went through with it for a group of ungrateful, unloving, ungodly sinners.

Vs. 9

36. If God did the harder thing, wouldn't he just do the easier thing now to finish it?

37. Now that we've been reconciled to Him...we can have _____ that we will receive the _____ life that He has offered through this salvation.

38. We are no longer subjected to God's _____, and...we have _____ reconciliation.

39. How can the process of justification by faith actually work simply on the basis of the life and death of _____ man for the sake of _____?

Vs. 12

40. The redemptive plan of God doesn't just permit the justification of the _____... it corrects for the _____. He died so that the _____ would be reversed from the effects of the fall.

41. Contrasts highlight a difference between two events.

42. Faith in _____ alone is an antidote to the _____.

43. Paul is making a comparison between two _____ people and two _____ events. One came to reverse the effect of the other. One's life was made necessary because of the other.

44. Each man...is a federal representative of a group of people. Their actions carry consequences for their respective groups. We still experience consequences in our life that are the direct result of what [Adam] did in his life. Christ has a similar group He represents.

45. In the case of _____ his action resulted in _____ entering the world. He brought with that sin the _____ that God had previously declared would result from that sin. God's word can't change.

46. The actual penalty for sin is _____ death, which came into place the immediate moment he disobeyed. As he sinned _____ entered... and _____ to all men.

47. **Spread** means *to go through, to pass through*. It's a transition process.

48. The penalty of sin, death, is passing from one person to the _____ naturally because of sin. All men will suffer the same penalty.

49. It can not be the case that we are _____ because we _____. It must be that we _____ because we _____.

50. If you begin to understand that _____ man...got us into this mess, then you begin to understand how _____ man...can get us out of this mess.

**Verse by Verse Ministry
A Study of the Book of Romans
Leader's Guide – 5A**

Overview-

This week is one where we begin to ask the, "So what?" questions. Because we are sinners who have been reconciled to God and are justified before Him, we do good works born of faith. Beyond those outward expressions of gratitude, there are internal

attitudes and thoughts that are being rearranged as well. For some, it is especially difficult to fully grasp the truth of Romans 5:1, and for the rest, it is not easy to embrace the attitudes exemplified in the following 4 verses. Those verses will be our challenge for today.

Discussion Topics and Questions

1. Read Romans 5:1-5

2. What does verse one say that we have with God because of justification?

3. **Peace** means *the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.* Notice the adjectives which describe the soul assured of its salvation: tranquil, fearing nothing, content. (Leader Note...you may want to write these on a white board or have your group members jot them on a piece of paper as you'll refer back to them.)

4. Read John 14:25-27. Jesus promises to leave His peace with the believers. Based on the context of these verses, through whom will this peace come?

5. In fact, read Galatians 5:22-25. What are the fruits mentioned here?

6. Is this fruit something you can manufacture by your will? Pastor Armstrong describes this peace as a state of being, a condition that has been accomplished for us. But **living** in, and **exhibiting** that peace is an act of faith requiring that we are sure of it even though we may not feel it. Though peace exists as a condition – a state of being, we still have to make it an act of our will to exhibit that peace.

7. According to Galatians 5:25 how is it possible to allow the fruit of the Spirit to show in our lives? Explain what you believe that to mean.

8. Read Mark 5:21-36

9. There are two stories going on here and one speaks to the other. Focus first on the story of the woman, beginning in verse 25. Which came first, her faith, or her action?

10. According to verse 34, what healed her – was it necessary for her to touch Him?

11. What more did Jesus say to her in that verse? Fill in the blank, "Go in _____".

12. The words tranquil, fearing nothing, content would describe this woman after her encounter with Jesus, but how does that contrast with the description of her life in verses 25-26 as she sought answers outside of Jesus.

13. Make the connection to your own life. Are there times when you struggle to find the peace you've been given because you are looking for answers, solutions and help

outside of Christ? Have you ever found *additional* suffering because you were looking for answers from man rather than from God? Explain. How does the statement “run to the throne, not to the phone” add to your discussion of this issue?

14. Now look in the same passage in Mark 5 at the second story. Begin with verses 22-23. How does Jairus’ initial approach differ from that of the woman in the story? Which example shows greater faith – or *does* one show more than the other?

15. In verse 35, notice the opening phrase “while he was still speaking”. Who was Jesus still speaking to?

16. Who had been watching the encounter between Jesus and the woman? Why is that important to note?

17. What happened while Jairus was watching and listening; what announcement is made?

18. What can you assume about Jairus’ response to the news based on Jesus’ words in verse 36?

19. How does that contrast with the description of peace we saw earlier – tranquil, fearing nothing, content?

20. How does Jairus’ response contrast with what he had just witnessed?

21. What does the contrast between these two characters teach us about peace?

22. What is the root of peace? (Leader note...be sure the group sees that the root of peace is faith. The woman had faith which led to not only healing, but also peace. Jairus had little faith and so his peace was threatened by the news of his daughter’s death.)

23. We’ll get to this verse later in our study, but jump ahead for a moment and read Romans 8:31b. How does this truth affect our ability to have peace?

24. Romans 5 continues on from verse one to explain that because of the peace that comes from our justification, we can exult, or rejoice in two things. What are those two things?

25. To exult, when loosely translated from its obscure Greek roots, means to boast about something in prayer before God. To rejoice in the hope of the glory of God means that we boast in prayer of our confidence in God’s goodness, excellence, majesty. Keep that in mind for a moment while we look at the other opportunity for us to exult.

26. We also rejoice in our sufferings. Read Matthew 5:11-12.
27. How does the Lord describe us when people insult and persecute us?
28. In what way should we react to that and why?
29. Now read James 1:2-4.
30. What should we consider trials, and why?
31. What is always the purpose of suffering?
32. Now compare that verse to Romans 5:3-4. What is the last thing produced by suffering according to verse 4?
33. Verse 5 completes the circle. What will hope (our confidence) not do?
34. Why? How has God poured out His love to us?
35. How does this remind you of Galatians 5? Who enables this rejoicing? How can we frustrate that power in our lives?
36. There are three stumbling blocks to experiencing and demonstrating peace.
- a. Sin in our lives.
How can sin affect our peace?
 - b. Failure to accept God's discipline for sin.
How can the failure to accept God's discipline affect our peace?
 - c. Misplaced confidence.
This reminds us of the beginning of the woman's story from Mark 5. In whom do we often place our trust erroneously? What happens to our peace when they fail us in some way? What does that teach us about whom to trust with our hope?
37. So when it comes to rejoicing, we exult in the fact that Jesus is worthy of our faith – our hope and our trust – and we rejoice in the fact that suffering produces in us, when we walk in step with the Holy Spirit, perseverance and character, maturity and completeness.
38. How long do you think we will continue to face trials of suffering?
39. And so, through the love of God poured out to us through the Holy Spirit because of our justification, we can exhibit peace in every circumstance. Peace and hope – a confident expectation of God's goodness demonstrated by outward tranquility and contentedness.

40. Finish today by reading John 16:33.

41. What three promises are made here?

42. What part of this verse gives us peace?

Summary

We can be certain that in this world we will have trouble, but because we have peace with God, we can demonstrate peace in our circumstances. This is an act of our will as it springs from our faith that the Lord has indeed overcome. We demonstrate peace as an act of faith just as we demonstrate other works as well. We must believe the promises of God in order to be content, tranquil and unafraid in the midst of our circumstances, knowing that hope -our confidence - does not disappoint us.