LESSON - ROMANS 5:5-21 (NIV based)

THEME - More Benefits of Justification

v.5 love, Holy Spirit

Q: In verse 6, "powerless" to do what? A: to save or reconcile ourselves to God

v.9 saved from God's wrath

Q: How would you reply to someone who says "God is not a God of wrath but of love and He does not punish but forgives."? Does God have "wrath"? How can a God of love have wrath? How does God vent His wrath?

Q: Is God fair in considering the unsaved as "enemies"?

v.11 joy, reconciliation

Q: Define RECONCILIATION: to restore to friendship or harmony; resolve; complete acceptability to God

Q: Do we always feel reconciled to God - even when or after we sin?

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Application of Justification:

v.12 sin entered all mankind thru Adam: brought death & condemnation (v.16)

v.16 gift of salvation by grace thru Jesus Christ: brought justification and eternal life (v.18)

BIG IDEA: <u>During our quiet times</u>, do we have trouble remembering things to be thankful for beyond a few obvious material things? Use the list below.

PERSONAL PRAYER LIST THANKFUL ITEMS:

Things I am THANKFUL FOR: (in Romans 5)

- 1. Standing in God's GRACE (or undeserved favor) (v.2)
- 2. JUSTIFICATION (or being declared righteous before God) through faith in Jesus Christ (v.1)
- 3. PEACE with God (v.1)

- 4. ACCESS to God (v.2)
- 5. CHARACTER and maturity BUILDING through suffering (vv.3-4)
- 6. HOPE (or joyful contented expectation; certainty) (vv.4-5)
- 7. LOVE in my heart (v.5)
- 8. the indwelling HOLY SPIRIT (v.5)
- 9. SALVATION from God's wrath (v.9)
- 10. RECONCILIATION (or restored friendship, harmony; complete acceptability to God) (v.11)
- 11. JOY about being reconciled to God (v.11)
- 12. ETERNAL LIFE (v.21)

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