



## ROMANS 5:1-11

### SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS:

#### 1. READ ROMANS 5:1

Paul's use of the word *Justification* is forensic (God gives you a new status of "righteous"), future-based (your verdict at Judgement day is declared to you now) and covenantal (you gain entry into God's covenant family and promises). Considering these things, how do you feel when you see Paul announce: "you have been justified by faith"?

2. In v1, Paul claims that one fruit of justification is "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". How is this peace different from Western cultures' idea of peace?

3. In v2 Paul says we "have gained access (through Jesus) by faith into this grace in which we now stand." This image of *access* into grace would have brought connotations of a Royal audience with the Emperor, or access into the Holy of Holies for the Romans church hearers. What do you think it means to stand in grace?

4. Read v2-5.

How does the “hope of glory” help Christians in the midst of their suffering?  
What makes this hope real to us?

5. Read v5-11.

Look at the image below, explaining the cycle of pride and shame we often find ourselves in.

How does the truths of “while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” break the cycle of pride and shame?

