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The Blessings Of Being In the Lords Family
Romans 5:1-5
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The blessing of being in the Lords family include the following:

1. We are justified by faith.

This means that we are to react to people as though they are righteous. The guilty are declared righteous even though we are not. We are positionally righteous even though we are practically sinful. We are declared righteous even though we have a sin problem. God treats us as though we are not sinners, and that we are righteous.

Justification does not mean that we are perfect but that God sees us as though we were. When we stand before the Lord, we know we are guilty, the devil knows we are guilty and God knows we are guilty but God treats us as righteous because he has justified us through Jesus Christ.

Justification is displayed in the story of the prodigal son where the youngest son asks for his portion of his father's estate even though his father was alive. The son squanders his inheritance and returns home without any money; but instead of treating the son as a slave, the father treated him as if the sins he had committed were never done; all this happened by faith. The father's justification of the prodigal son is a result of faith that cannot be merited or earned. All you need is faith in order to be justified by the Lord.

It's a grace thing and it comes by faith. Faith in what? Faith in Jesus Christ. As long as we have faith in Jesus Christ, we can be justified before the Father although we are sinners.

2. We Are At Peace With God.

Salvation brings with it, peace with God. Prior to salvation, we were enemies, at war and on the outs with the Lord. However, God declares peace. Peace is only experienced by the believer and can only be given by the Lord. If you are not a believer, you can never have peace with Jesus Christ.

We don't make peace with God, God makes peace with us by the atoning work that Jesus did on the cross. We have access to the Lord by faith. Through Jesus Christ, we have direct access to God Himself. We have permission to enter into the presence of God without fear.

Years ago, the believer was encouraged to keep their distance from the Lord. But on today, we have access to God for ourselves. That's good news. Jesus escorts us into the presence of God because of our relationship with him. We need no other

person to bring us into the presence of God. Because of Jesus, I can go to God anytime I want to and know that God will be there for me.

3. The Spirit Empower Us.

Paul talks about tribulation, which is defined as a difficult time as a result of being a Christian. The Lord has placed something within us that enables us to rejoice with pleasant things and through our tribulations. We can rejoice in our present tribulation as well as in our future hope.

We can transform negative tribulations into positive Christian characteristics. We can glory in tribulation because we have something within us. It's a blessing to be able to transform tribulation into glory and rejoicing. The Lord allows us to transform our character into hope knowing the Lord is working out our tribulations for our good.

How is it possible to rejoice in tribulation? We can rejoice in tribulation because hope does not disappoint because the Holy Spirit has poured the love of God in our hearts. Hope is an ongoing state that is a result of a once and for all event. Sometimes we get weak and empty but the Lord will refill us because He has already paid the price for our sin.

There are true and authentic blessings for being in the family of God. When you become a member of the family, these and other benefits are yours to share and enjoy.