

# POWER HOUR

5/10/2026

Lesson Text:  
Romans 5:1-11

Related Scriptures:  
James 1:2-4, Ephesians 1:13-14  
2 Corinthians 5:18-21;  
Colossians 1:18-23 & Titus 3:3-7

“SAVED FROM WRATH”

NLT TRANSLATION

**Golden Text:** Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Romans 5:1 NLT

**Time:** A.D. 57

**Place:** from Corinth

## Romans 5:1-11 NLT

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. <sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. <sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>7</sup> Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. <sup>8</sup> But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. <sup>9</sup> And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. <sup>10</sup> For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. <sup>11</sup> So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us

friends of God.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Because of Christ, we have new hope. Although believers still suffer, one day, the fullness of salvation will come, and we all will behold the glory of God with unveiled eyes (Revelation 22:1-5).

**1. Rejoicing in hope (Romans 5:1-5).** We need a reason to endure in difficult circumstances. Paul wrote of the hope believers have in Jesus because they have been justified and reconciled to God through faith.

Through faith in Jesus, we have access to the grace of salvation, and that leads us to hope to see the glory of God. Without having faith, we were blinded to God's glory. Compare it to walking around blind to the sun, unable to see. After coming to Jesus, believers know God's glory is always there, even when they cannot see Him, so they can rejoice in suffering.

Paul was no stranger to trials. He was beaten, shipwrecked, robbed, and even stoned (2 Corinthians 11:16-33). He suffered far more during his ministry than most. Even so, Paul called all believers to rejoice. We can rejoice in hope not because life is easy but because God never changes. His glory never diminishes. Because of that, our hope does not make us ashamed. We have confidence in God because He has set His Spirit as a seal on us (Ephesians 1:13).

As we endure trials through His grace and power, our character will increasingly reflect His glory (2 Corinthians 3:18).

**2. Rejoicing in reconciliation (Romans 5:6-11).** The kindness of God gives believers imperishable hope. No one deserves His mercy; instead, we deserve His wrath (Ephesians 2:3). We were His enemies, but while we were still ungodly, Jesus died for us. He justified us as a free gift; our works are never enough to earn our own salvation.

Jesus' justification of us is perfect. We do not need a repeated sacrifice. He does not have to die over and over again to save us. Instead, having been covered once by His blood, we are reconciled with God. Let us rejoice in that reconciliation! We were God's enemies and could never come near to Him, the

Author and Sustainer of Life, so He made a way to have peace and eternal life with Him.

Many people reject Christianity because of its supposed exclusivity, since Jesus is the only way of salvation. But it is a wonder that God would open any way of salvation at all! We can rejoice in Jesus because our hope in Him is certain. Any person of any background can turn to Him and be saved. We are transformed. Our hope gives us joy, and it spurs us on to do good and love others as a result.

### **PRACTICAL POINTS**

Being forgiven of our sins ends our conflict with God (Romans 5:1).

Believers have a stable position with God through Christ. (vs. 2).

Suffering produces many great character qualities in us, so we must rejoice (vss. 3-5)!

Christ did not die for us because we were good, but because we were ungodly (vs. 6).

Christ died for sinners to show God's love (vss. 7-8).

Believers escape God's coming judgment through Christ (vs 9).

The death and resurrection of Christ bring us eternal reconciliation with God (vss. 10-11).

### **CONCLUSION**

There will be trials and suffering in this life and times when we cannot see God's glory clearly. But we can persevere and praise God in the midst of them because of our hope in Him.

Faith in Jesus both reconciles us to God and gives us hope for the future. If we trust in Him, we will never be put to shame.

### **QUESTION(S)**

1. What is hope based on in the New Testament?
2. What is God's purpose for believers' suffering?
3. Why are believers able to rejoice while enduring suffering?
4. How did Paul describe life outside of Christ?

5. Why is Christ's death for undeserving sinners important?
6. What was Paul's lesser-to-greater argument in verses 9-11?

**Next week**, Let's study how Jesus became "**The Second Adam**" in order to give us new life. **Romans 5:12-21**.

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