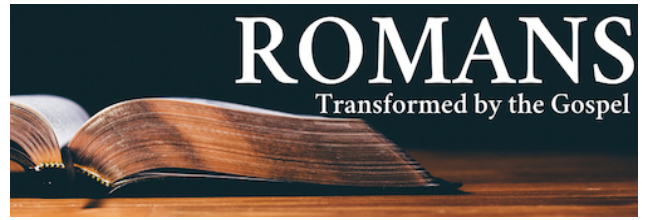


Access Into Grace!

June 14th, 2020 – Romans 5:2-5, 11
Pastor Jon Pickens



Access into “This Grace” Explained

1. This grace refers to the **favor** we enjoy as Christians because of the work of God through the person and work of Christ.
2. This grace is obtained by **faith**.
3. As Christians, we presently **stand** in God’s grace!

Implications of Standing in Grace

1. We can confidently boast in the **hope** of the Glory of God.
 2. We can courageously boast in our **sufferings**.
 - a. Suffering is used to **shape** us as Christ-followers.
 - i. It teaches us **endurance**.
 - ii. It forms Godly **character**.
 - iii. It produces in us a greater **longing** for God’s glory.
 - b. Suffering **reveals** God’s grace at work.
 - i. God has graciously poured out His **love** into our hearts.
 - ii. God has given us the indwelling **Spirit** to help us.
 3. We can’t help but boast in our **God**.
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Discussions Questions

1. Pastor Jon used the acronym GRACE (God's Riches At Christ's Expense) to describe "this grace" that Paul is referring to. What are some of the many ways that God has shown grace to us through Jesus Christ and His work on the cross?
2. Because we stand in grace, we boast in the hope of the glory of God. What does that look like in your life? How can you boast in the hope of the glory of God?
3. We also can rejoice in suffering because we stand in grace. What is it about God's grace that causes a Christian to rejoice in something as odd as suffering?
4. What is your most significant takeaway from the message this morning?

Next Steps: June Reading Plan (Week 3)

Day One: Phil. 4
Day Two: Philemon
Day Three: Heb. 1
Day Four: Heb. 2
Day Five: Heb. 3

Journaling Tip:

As you think about a particular truth throughout that day from your reading, often an application or an implication of the truth will surface. Capture it in your journal at night to help solidify it in your mind and heart.

Next Week's Sermon: Romans 5:12-21

June Scripture Memory:

43 "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:43-45 (ESV)