

**Romans Session 65**  
**The Believer's Certainty of Deliverance**  
**&**  
**The Believer's Joy in God.**

*Romans 5:9-10 (NASB)*

<sup>9</sup> *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.*

<sup>10</sup> *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

*Romans 5:11 (NASB)*

<sup>11</sup> *And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

Again, we are reminded of the links Paul is setting forth here to show the Roman believers that they are secure in the Lord for Eternity.

1. The believer's peace with God (5:1)
2. His standing in Grace (5:2a)
3. His hope of Glory (5:2b-5a)
4. His possession of Divine Love (5:5b-8)
5. His certainty of Deliverance (5:9-10)
6. His Joy in the Lord (5:11)

We have been through the first four of the links and now want to look at the fifth and sixth.

As if the first four were not enough to completely overwhelm us with assurance, there is a fifth link in the unbreakable chain that eternally binds us to Christ, which is the certainty of deliverance from God's judgment.

The phrase, "***much more then***", indicates that what follows is even more overwhelming and significant than what has preceded, astounding and wonderful as that is.

***"having been justified by His blood***, here refers to the initial aspect of salvation, which for believers is past.

In light of the fact that we already have **been justified**, Paul is saying, we are assured of being **saved from the wrath of God through Him**, that is, through Christ.

Because we are now identified with Christ and are adopted as God's children through Him, we are no longer, **children of wrath**.

*Ephesians 2:3-5 (NASB)*

<sup>3</sup> *Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.*

<sup>4</sup> *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,*

<sup>5</sup> *even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),*

As a part of His atoning work, Jesus delivered us, "*from the wrath to come*" (*1thess. 1:10; 5:9*), because on the cross He took upon Himself the penalty and suffered the wrath that we deserve.

Paul's next thought is closely related to the previous one, v-9, and is the central message of this passage:

<sup>10</sup> *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

If God had the power and the will to redeem us in the first place, how **much more**, does He have the power and the will to keep us redeemed?

In other words, if God brought us to Himself **through the death of His Son** when **we were His enemies**, how **much more**, now that we are His **reconciled** children, will He keep us **saved by** the **life** of His Son?

If the dying Savior reconciled us to God, surely the living Savior can and will keep us reconciled.

The thrust of the truth for believers is that our Savior not only delivered us from sin and its judgment, but also delivers us from uncertainty and doubt about that deliverance.

If God has already made sure our rescue from sin, death, and future judgment, how could our present spiritual life possible be in jeopardy?

How can a Christian, whose past and future salvation are secured by God, be insecure during the time in between?

If sin was no barrier to the beginning of our redemption, how can it become a barrier to its completion?

If sin in the greatest degree could not prevent our becoming reconciled, how can sin in lesser degree prevent our staying reconciled?

If God's Grace covers the sins even of His enemies, how much more does it cover the sins of His children?

Paul here reasons from the greater to the lesser. It is a greater work of God to bring sinners to grace than to bring saints to glory, because sin is further from grace, than grace is from glory.

Every blessing a Christian has comes from Christ.

Through Him we have peace with God

We have grace and the hope of Glory,

We have love poured out in our hearts,

And we have deliverance from sin by His atoning death, deliverance from wrath, and we are reconciled to God and that gives us preservation during this present life.

This then brings us to the next link;

*Romans 5:11 (NASB)*

<sup>11</sup> *And not only this, but we also exult, (have Joy) in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

This is the sixth and final link in the unbreakable chain that eternally bind us to Christ.

That link is that believers now have joy.

This may not be the most important or the most profound evidence of our security in Christ, but it is perhaps the most beautiful.

And although this divine evidence is subjective, it is none the less real.

Why do we;

**Romans 5:11 (NASB)**

**11. exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Because it is through Him that we receive;

**through whom we have now received the reconciliation**

The abundant Joy that God gives His children through the Lord Jesus Christ includes grateful joy in their salvation and simply in who God is.

Surely one of the reasons David was a man after God's won heart was his rejoicing in the Lord for the Lord's own sake.

**Psalm 34:3 (NASB)**

**<sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.**

Other Psalmists echoed that same joy,

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**<sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.**

**Psalm 43:4 (NASB)**

**<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.**

Perhaps nowhere outside of scripture has this deepest level of Christian joy been expressed more beautifully than in the following stanzas of Charles Wesley's magnificent hymn "O for a Thousand tongues to sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

Hear Him ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb.  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap ye lame for joy!

Here we have it both the certainty of deliverance, no question about it, no doubts to arise and then the great and wonderful Joy that comes from Him alone.

**Romans 15:13 (NASB77)**

**<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

We have peace with God, we have a standing in His Grace established by His life, we have the hope of being clothed with His Glory for Eternity, we have possession of His Divine Love, and we have the certainty of deliverance both now and forever, and that brings great Joy from Him, it is because we believe that the joy comes.

Praise God. We need to get these great links into our minds and hearts so we can share them with other who are doubting or asking what is our hope.

We are to be ready at all times to share these great truths.

**1 Peter 3:15 (NASB77)**

***<sup>15</sup> but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;***