

Romans: Lesson 7

Lesson Text: Romans 5:1-11

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

Study Guide Questions:

1. In Romans 5, Paul transitions to a new point of emphasis. Recall again, what were the main points of emphasis in 1:18-3:20 and 3:21-4:25, respectively? (see 3:21-24 and 5:1)
2. In this context, is justification something that will happen or that has happened? Is grace something that will be offered or that has been offered? What is it that we are to anticipate? (5:1-2)
3. What was the erroneous cause for boasting (or rejoicing/exulting) described by Paul in chapters 1-4? In what should we boast/rejoice/exult? (5:2, 3, 11)
4. Paul references suffering in verse 3. Where else does Paul reference suffering and tribulation? What is the point in that context? (see chapter 8)
5. Consider the meaning of the phrase in verse 5, "...hope does not put us to shame..." (alternately, "hope does not disappoint"). How does this phrase connect with the points emphasized in verses 2 and 5b-11? See also Ps. 22:4-5
6. How many times is the Christ referenced in 5:1-11 (don't forget to include pronouns)?
7. For whom did Christ die? What has been brought about by his death? What shall be brought about by his life?