

A hand holding a quill pen over a parchment background with faint cursive text.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans

Having been justified...

- The moment of the cross...
- Aorist passive... God did it!
 - Will faith be enough? Will it be replaced?
 - “faith” has always been God’s way...
 - In this relationship, everything changes!
 - Reasons follow....

#1 Peace with God

- As never before, the battle is over!
 - Sin is "under the blood"
 - "we have" present active
 - How? Through our Lord Jesus Christ
 - In Him we also have access by faith into grace...
 - Relationship is **EVERYTHING!!!**

Access by
Faith

Hope of
the Glory



Into this
Grace

Result?

- We stand in Him – perfect tense!
- We exalt in hope – present active
- Hope of what...? God's glory!!!
 - Christ in you... Col. 1:27
 - Our eternal priest, mediator, intercessor
 - We never had this before!!! GLORY!!!

And...we exalt in...

• tribulations??? What???

• *thilipsis* – pressure, constraint, set of circumstances that are so narrow as to allow a very small, limited passage. No way but to go forward deeper to God!

• 2Cor 1:3-6; 11:24-29; 12:9-10

Process of grace

- Trib “brings about” – present active
 - Natural function **IF** we respond in faith
- Patience – *hupomone* – endurance, constancy, steadfast – stays put in God
- Creates a “seek God response” in place of fight/flight...

Patience yields...

- Proven character – *dokimon* – approved, tried character, proof Rom 14:18
- And this empowers – hope! See vs. 2!
 - *elpis* – the “upward gaze”; no risk of failure or deceit in God’s glory!
 - Hope that does not disappoint, bring shame, disappointment, disgrace...

#2 Love of God (5b)

- Is love a weakness...?

- Not law, ritual, 'sacraments'

- 'shed abroad' – perfect passive...

- "our hearts by the HS"

- When trials come, the HS "flow of God's love" engulfs / surrounds us

- God sees the heart in transition...