

Much More Romans 5:1-11

The blessing of justification is just the beginning of the blessings we have in Christ Jesus.

- Receiving peace and grace, we rejoice (boast) in hope.
- We can rejoice (boast) in our suffering.
- We rejoice (boast) in being reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Digging Deeper

1. Can you think of an instance when you went through a difficult or painful time in your life and actually grew in your faith through that time? What did God teach you? In what ways did He provide for and sustain you through that time?
2. Notice the repetition of the words “While we were...” in verses 6, 8 and 10. What words describe us in those verses? Consider the significance of those descriptions and the fact that Jesus died for us *while we were* exactly what he says we were. Pause and thank God for His amazing and undeserved kindness and grace.
3. Have you ever experienced reconciliation with someone with whom you had a serious conflict? Did you have to forgive that person? Did they have to forgive you? How can we apply those kinds of experiences with our reconciliation with God? How do they relate? How are they different?