

Unity of the Spirit – One Lord Rom. 5:1-21

Introduction:

Paul has already mentioned the “one Spirit,” and he is going to mention the “one God and Father.” When he says, “one Lord,” he is referring to Christ.

We know that Jesus is our Lord.

In fact, there are over 100 references in the New Testament to Jesus as Lord.

Peter outlines this in great detail in Acts 2.

He repeats this same thought in Acts 10 in talking with Cornelius.

Because we all believe that Jesus is the Christ, we will notice some of the blessings that we have in Him.

There are many great blessings that we can find in Jesus Christ our lord. Today, we will be looking at the blessings that Paul mentions in **Rom. 5:1-21**.

I. It is through Christ our Lord that we have peace with God (5:1-2).

- A. If it is through Christ that we can have peace with God, then there must have been a time in which we did not have peace with the Father.
 - 1. At some point, we were living in a manner that was not pleasing to God.
 - 2. However, it is because of our faith in Christ that we can have the peace of God.
 - 3. When we have that proper relationship with Christ, we have peace with God because there is no longer a reason to be fearful of Him.
- B. Peace means that there is no fighting or disturbance.
 - 1. This occurs only through Christ.
 - 2. Christ Himself is our peace.
 - a. **Eph. 2:14-17** - For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, {15} having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, {16} and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. {17} And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.
 - 3. We all need this peace.
 - a. **Phil. 4:7** - and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - b. **Col. 3:15** - And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- C. We have peace with God only through our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. It is through Christ our Lord that we can rejoice in God (5:6-11).

A. We rejoice in God because of the sacrifice of Christ (5:6-8).

1. It was because of His love for us that He died on the cross.
2. It is because of that love and sacrifice that we can have more blessings in Christ.

B. We rejoiced in God because we have been “saved from wrath” (5:9).

1. There is a point in which the entire world is going to be judged by Christ.
 - a. **II Cor. 5:10** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
2. For some it will be a terrible day.
 - a. **Heb. 10:31** - It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
 - b. **II Thes. 1:8** - in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. For others, it is that day in which we will receive a reward.
 - a. We who are saved have been “saved from wrath.”
 - b. Because there are only two places to spend eternity, we can rejoice because we are going to receive that good reward.
 - c. **I Thes. 1:10** - and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
 - d. We will look at our salvation a little later; the point here is that we can rejoice because of Christ.
4. Paul sums up both sides of this day in **Rom. 2:5-11**.

C. We rejoice in God because of the reconciliation that we have in Christ (5:10-11).

1. To be reconciled is to “change mutually.”
 - a. When we desire to change ourselves, it is done only through Christ.
 - b. **Eph. 2:11-13** - Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—{12} that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. {13} But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
 - c. **I Pet. 2:9-10** - But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; {10} who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

2. There is always something to rejoice about, and it all revolves around our salvation.
3. Phil. 3:1 - Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.
4. Phil. 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5. I Pet. 1:6 - In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
6. I Thes. 5:16 - Rejoice always,

III. It is through Christ our Lord that we can have eternal life (5:12-21).

- A. Notice the comparison between the sin of Adam and the justification through Christ (5:12-14).
 1. It was through one man that sin entered the world.
 2. It was also through sin that death entered the world.
 3. Since all have sinned, death spread to all men.
 4. Rom. 6:23a - The wages of sin is death.
- B. It is through one Man, Christ, that we can have eternal life (5:15-21).
 1. This eternal life that we have a hope of is a free gift from God (5:15).
 - a. Rom. 6:23b - But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 2. I Jn. 5:20 - And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
 3. I Jn. 5:11-13 - And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. {12} He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. {13} These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Conclusion:

The most important thing to notice about these blessings is that they can all occur because of His death on the cross. Without that death, we can have no hope of any of these blessings.

Acts 4:12 - Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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