

Romans 5:1-11

Divine Access (vv.1-2)

- We have **access** to the **peace** of God
 - We have peace **with** God because of the peace **of** God
- We have access to the **grace** of God

Divine Assistance (vv.3-5)

- Suffering is **purposeful**
 - corrective suffering (cf. Heb.12)
 - Suffering for the glory of God (cf. Jn. 9 - man born blind; Jn. 11 - Lazarus)
 - Suffering from cosmic warfare (cf. Revelation)
 - Constructive suffering: for the sake of the believer's maturity
- Suffering is **productive**
 - If God **allows** it, God can **use it!**
 - Suffering produces **perseverance**
 - Perseverance produces **character** (that which is permanently etched or carved in)
 - God uses our hardships to develop us
 - God uses our hardships to reduce the presence of self and increase the presence of the Savior
 - God proves and improves our character simultaneously
 - Character produces **hope**
 - Hope does not **disappoint**
 - The Holy Spirit pours **love** into our hearts
 - Hope and love go together (cf. Col. 1:5; Ps. 130:7; 1 Cor. 13:13)

Divine Providence (vv.6-8)

- The **best time** for God is often the **worst time** for humanity
 - “When we were still **powerless**”
 - When we were still “**ungodly**”
- God’s love is **demonstrative**
 - God put God’s love on **public display**
 - God showed how much God valued humanity
- God proved God’s love while we were still **sinner**s

Divine Justification = Reconciliation (vv.9-11)

- We are **justified** by Jesus’ blood
- We are saved from God’s **wrath**
- We are **reconciled** through Jesus’ death
- We are **saved** through Jesus’ (resurrected) life
- We have received the **gift** of **reconciliation** (cf. 2 Cor. 5:18-19)