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Romans 5:6-8 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- Justified means to be made just – Just-as-if-I’d-never-sinned.

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Romans 3:23-25 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

- I want to point out three results or consequences of justification and how that impacts our mission to the world.

### 1. Our message of \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:1

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee. (KJV)

Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

### 2. Our offer of \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:1-2

Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory. (NLT)

2 Samuel 9:1 Then David said, “Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 Samuel 9:7-8 David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly.” 8 Again he prostrated himself and said, “What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?”

**3. Our extension of \_\_\_\_\_**  
Romans 5:1-2

- Exult can be translated \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lewis Smedes: “To miss out on joy is to miss out on the reason for your existence.”
- C. S. Lewis: “Joy is the serious business of heaven.”
- He says we rejoice in hope...
- Lee Strobel: “Biblical hope is the confident expectation that God is willing and able to fulfill the promises he has made to those who trust in him.”

How will you be a part of...

- ...sharing the message of peace?
- ...presenting the offer of grace?
- ...participating in the extension of hope?