

THE FRUITS OF FAITH

Romans 5:1-21

Key Verse: 5:1

1. Read verses 1-11. What can we learn indirectly about our relationship with God and our inner condition before we were justified? What changes take place in our lives when we are justified through faith? What does it mean to have peace with God?
2. Read verses 2-5. When we are standing in God's grace, what gives us joy? Why? What is the worldly consensus regarding suffering and hardship? What should be our attitude toward suffering?
3. What is perseverance? What is character? What is the outcome of God's training through suffering? What is our hope? Why does this hope not disappoint us?
4. Read verses 6-8. How did God demonstrate his love? What does this tell us about God and about ourselves?
5. Read verses 9-11. How can we be sure that God will save us and give us eternal life and heaven? What does it mean to rejoice in God? What do verses 1-11 teach us about God's love? About joy and peace?
6. Read verses 12-14. How did sin enter the world and spread? Why was sin not clearly exposed as sin in the period from Adam to Moses? What is the consequence of sin, even when it is not called sin? In what respect is Adam a pattern of Jesus?

7. Read verses 15-19. How is Jesus different from Adam? What do these verses teach us about Jesus' significance in history? About the importance of one man and one act? What is the difference in being in Christ and in Adam?

8. Read verses 20-21. Why does law increase the trespass? How are law and grace contrasted here? What does this mean to us, practically?