

God's Costly Rescue Romans 3:21-31

What does the world rejoice in (or celebrate/boast in/ get excited by)? (sporting, academic, artistic brilliance, money, property, other???)....

Read Romans 5:1- 11

1. List the benefits which are ours because God has declared us to be right with Himself or justified?
2. In v2,3,11 Paul urges his readers to rejoice. What are they to rejoice in and why?
3. Why do you believe it is important that God is at peace with you, v1 and that you have access to grace, v2?
4. Looking at verses 3-4, how are suffering, perseverance, character and hope related?
5. Paul talks about hope as a fruit of justification. Why should we rejoice in suffering? v3-5. Do you?
6. In John 8:12,13,18 Jesus shows the importance of a twofold witness. See Deuteronomy 19:15. What is the twofold witness to God's love in v5-8?
7. What is so impressive about God's love? v6-8

8. How do v9-10 assure us that God accepts us completely in Christ?
9. Why should God's outpouring of love and his complete acceptance make us rejoice? v11

Implications

10. How are Christian hope and rejoicing related? What is its basis? Contrast this with worldly hope and rejoicing...
11. How is Christian hope evident in your life?
12. How is Christian rejoicing/boasting evident in your life?

Give thanks and pray

Praise God for all He has done for us in Jesus as a result of being Justified.

Pray for the Mayoral Dinner 13 Sept and for a full town hall.