

Unshakeable Confidence!

Text: Romans 5:1-5

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Big Idea: A life of unshakeable hope is a life of faith-fuelled confidence in the gospel.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4

a) These 4 words help describe the gospel. Expand on each word and find a Scripture to support how this word helps explain the gospel...

God:

Sin:

Jesus:

Response:

b) Write out the gospel in your own words; and share it with your small group.

When my confidence is in the gospel, I live by faith from...

Point 1: My ETERNAL POSITION in Jesus (vv. 1-2)

Question: Gospel confidence believes, "I am justified before God." Are you living from this position?

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 1-2:** What does the term 'justified by faith' mean?
- b) How should our justification before God fuel our hope in God?
- c) What are the 3 truths about the life of one who has been justified before God by faith we see in these verses?
- d) Which area(s) do you find it most difficult to live from? Why that one?
- e) Spend time in prayer for each other in that area, and follow up this week.

Point 2: An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE through Jesus (vv. 3-4)

Question: Gospel confidence rejoices in suffering. Is your perspective in suffering an eternal one?

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 3-4:** What does Paul say is the reason we can rejoice in our sufferings?
- b) Why is rejoicing in our suffering so challenging?
- c) Does rejoicing in our suffering mean we don't grieve in our suffering? Why or why not?
- d) How is our gospel witness actually hindered by negating suffering of self or others?

Question #7

Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram to answer the following questions.

- a) Why is living with an eternal perspective essential if we are to go through suffering faithfully?
- b) What are the fruits that come out when you live from a temporal perspective in suffering? Where is that for you right now?
- c) What are you thinking at those times that leads to those fruits?
- d) What is it you really want at those times?
- e) What gospel promise(s) do you need to apply to live from an eternal perspective in your suffering?
- f) Spend time in prayer for one another in these areas.

Point 3: My ETERNAL PROVISION from Jesus (v. 5)

Question: Gospel confidence is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Will you depend on Him?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. v. 5:** How is the Holy Spirit being given, the proof of God's love for us?
- b) How does depending on the Holy Spirit give us an unshakeable confidence in the gospel?
- c) Spend time in prayer thanking the Lord for the amazing gift of the Holy Spirit!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, You are a faithful God who_____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Jesus, I confess i) Not living from my justified position when____. ii) Not living with an eternal perspective through my suffering in____ iii) My lack of dependence on the Holy Spirit in_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, thank You for your work of justifying me that has_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Jesus, I ask for faith to set my confidence in the gospel when_____.

Memory Verse:

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."-Romans 5:1

