



Family preparation for congregational worship on February 26, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 5:1-5 (ESV): Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Discuss:

1. How are we justified?
2. How has Christ changed our relationship with God if we are justified?
3. Why does hope not disappoint us?

Prayer: Thank the Lord for His goodness to us. Praise the Lord for His sovereignty. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a stronger desire to be like Christ. Pray for faithful local churches across our country. Pray, for the Timothy and Jane Silcott as they evangelize around the country and help local churches in their outreach. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize (January): "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **John 3:16-17 (ESV)**

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more*

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus", The Celebration Hymnal, #581, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

Romans 5:1-5

C C A I B H G R A C E L J
W I L K H O L Y T R E E I
J V U J I P O U R E D B N
O C S U U E R H D J P R K
N H U S K S Y O L O R D C
L A F T B K N O W I N G H
Y R F I P P L B L C B J R
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BEEN	CHARACTER	CHRIST
ENDURANCE	FAITH	GIVEN
GLORY	GRACE	HEARTS
HOLY	HOPE	JESUS
JUSTIFIED	KNOWING	LORD
LOVE	OBTAINED	ONLY
PEACE	POURED	PRODUCES
REJOICE	SHAME	SUFFERING