



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### Christians, We have Reason to Rejoice February 27-March 1, 2021

#### Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

1. What recent events in your life or current events in your country have left you feeling disappointed or discouraged?

2. Does God demand righteousness from us, or credit righteousness to us? Explain.

3. How/when is a person justified?

4. What three things does Paul say we possess because we're justified?

5. What do those three things mean to you personally?

6. Agree/disagree: Christians should boast/glorify in their sufferings.

7. Give an example of how suffering produced perseverance in your life (or in the life of someone you know).

8. In what way does the pain that Jesus endured in his life help you deal with the pain you endure in your life/

9. Your friend says, "I don't feel like God loves me." What could/would you say to her?