

BLESSINGS FROM AN OBEDIENT FAITH.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 5.

B. Regarding the text:

1. **Chapter 4** proclaims the justification of God (**Rom. 4:1-8**).
2. In **chapter 5**, we see great blessings for the obedient.
 - 1) **Heb. 11** shows the rewards for obedience.
 - 2) **James 2** declares obedience and faith are inseparable.
 - 3) **John 14:15** connects love for the Lord with commandment keeping.

C. Chapter 5 connects God's blessings with obedience.

DISCUSSION: OBEDIENCE BLESSINGS...

I. JUSTIFICATION, PEACE AND REJOICING (1-2).

A. God justifies the obedient.

1. "Therefore" – "Therefore" refers to the preceding argument (**chapters 1 to 4**). All men can be justified! How? "BY FAITH." (**Hebrews 11**).
2. **Romans chapters 1-4** declared man's guilt AND that all are amenable to the same law. (**Romans 1:16-17**).

B. Peace with God is the blessing specified in this verse (John 16:33; Phil. 4:7**).**

1. This is an inner peace and joy.
2. Not promising physical peace (**2 Tim. 3:12**).

C. This peace is made possible by the death of Christ (Acts 10:36**).**

II. PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE, HOPE & UNASHAMEDNESS (3-5).

A. Obedience produces patience.

1. Patience = endurance, constancy.
2. Steadfastness (**1 Cor. 15:58**).

B. Steadfastness produces experience (Heb. 10:32-36**).**

C. A sure hope.

1. Hope = joyful and confident expectation (**Col. 1:5; 1 John 3:3**).
2. Biblical hope comes because we obey and make provisions for our salvation.

D. Hope maketh not ashamed. This hope will not disappoint, or deceive!

III. THE LOVE OF CHRIST (6-11).

A. This love is the foundation of man's hope.

B. One might die for a good and righteous man. What about ungodly person?

1. Christ! His death made reconciliation possible (**Heb. 7:25**).
2. He is our atonement. **Vs. 10** "being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

IV. ETERNAL LIFE REGAINED (12-21).

A. Adam introduced sin into the world.

1. Thus, a need for reconciliation because in separates (**Isaiah 59:1-2**).
2. Christ's blood reconciles (**Rom. 5:19**).

B. Verse 15: God's provision is greater than the power of sin (Rom. 6:23**).**

C. Vs. 16: His sacrifice can overpower the sin (Matt. 26:28**).**

D. Vs. 17: The QUALITY of God's gift is greater.

E. Vs. 18-21: God provided the means of overcoming sin. ("where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.") "Where sin has gone..."

V. CONCLUSION: GREAT BLESSINGS FOR OBEDIENCE.