

***BOASTING IN THE GLORY OF HIS LOVE****PSALM 110:1-5 NRSV BUL // ROMANS 5:1-11 NIV***MONDAY 6/19/23**

PSALM 100:1 // Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

ROMANS 5:1-11//1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

**REFLECTION** We boast because we have gained access to our Creator. The term “justified by faith” has caused confusion among Christians, let alone pagans. This is the simplistic understanding of the term: Escaping from the curse of the law and being delivered from the anguish it has caused. Those who confess they have sinned are delivered from the curse by having faith in Jesus Christ. The law simply informs us there is good and evil. It teaches moral values verses immoral values. It explains honesty verses lies and deceit. The pagans in our world see a different reality. They do not accept the law of God. Non-religious people believe there is no moral right, nor a moral wrong. In other words there is no fallen state of sin. For pagans, having faith in Jesus Christ is a dangerous social construct. They believe Christianity prevents people from living in total freedom. It prevents people the freedom to choose how they want to be identified. Apparently I am dangerous because I believe in the sanctity of life and I believe in a creator God. To non-believers the need to be loved and accepted by God is not important. What is most important is to be loved and accepted by other human beings. I tried, once, to live with no moral right or wrong, and it destroyed me. It damaged all my relationships with other human beings. I had to learn Jesus is the only one who loves me and cares for me, no matter what I do. That is what it means to be “justified by faith” in Christ. His love for me causes me to love more, and is the source for me to break the law less.

**PRAYER: Thank you for opening my eyes Lord to the truth, your truth, the only truth. In Jesus Name Amen.**

**TUESDAY 6/20/23**

PSALM 100:2 // Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

ROMANS 5:1-11// 2-4 And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

**REFLECTION** We boast because even though we have suffered loss, yet we still have confidence and hope in God. As confessing Christians we have gained access by faith into this grace that is firmly among us. The sacrifice of Christ gives us a continuous hope in the glory of God. By having a restored relationship with God we must continue to learn everything pivots on His Son. We desire to live above the chaos. We often find the peace we seek is so fleeting. Jesus steps to the plate to help us cast away our fears and give us peace. He is the first pledge of God’s favor and He draws us away from the fears of failure and grants us tranquility. Our restored relationship with God begins with Christ and ends with Christ. In our arrogance we foolishly think we can predict God’s mercy. God’s hand of grace gently rescues us from the hellfire of an uncertain faith. Christ preserves us by his power and diligence. The gospel bends us and twists us when we first hear it. But, it also strikes deeply into our hearts when the love of Jesus comes and dismantles all the devices that Satan used against us.

**PRAYER Lord it is too easy to flee instead of going through it and listening to you. Give me your peace so I may not run. In Jesus Name Amen**

### **WEDNESDAY 6/21/23**

PSALM 100:3 // Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

ROMANS 5:1-11// 5 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.6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

**REFLECTION** We boast because our hearts have been opened and God's love has been poured in. The truth is we are exposed to many adversities in this life. The most dreaded is the loss of loved ones or even our own death. The assignment of Jesus Christ is to offer life eternal to those who accept God's plan of salvation. Our salvation means being delivered from the curse of death. When we are young we think little of our fate. Our minds are sometimes filled with darkness which tends to make us feel helpless and anxious. From the heart of every Christian comes real joy when we are brought from death to life. Our days of spiritual afflictions and guilt disappeared the moment God's love is poured into us. This love penetrates our hearts, minds and souls; we find endless comfort from our divine Savior. By seeking the presence of God in the morning and night we discover we are not alone. We do find rest and peace in God who grants us many favors.



**PRAYER** Just knowing you are my God and Savior gives me peace. Thank you Lord Jesus for comforting my spirit with the balm of your love. May I never forget the precious gift of knowing where I'm going. In Jesus Name Amen.

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### **THURSDAY 6/22/23**

PSALM 100:4 // Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

ROMANS 5:1-11// 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**REFLECTION** We boast because we have a Savior who takes our place of punishment. The importance of this text is to teach people about Christ's love. We hardly ever hear a story of a person willing to die for a righteous person, let alone one who is ungodly. Let's take notice of the power in this statement. The Good News that is found in the Bible proclaims Christ has done an astonishing thing. We should never shy away from the essence of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Christ's willingness to die is the divine love of God in Him. He is called the second Adam, in part because Jesus' love, for the Father creates in Him a willingness to obey God. When God created man and woman he placed in our DNA (sort of) His divine love. Man however made a conscious choice to disrespect God's authority, and rejected God's divine love. This loss is devastating; it is not just harmful to humans but all of life. God's divine love never stops moving towards His most noble of His creation. From the moment of the Fall, God sought Adam and Eve who hid their nakedness in shame. As we all experience the Fall it has tainted our relationship with nature, with each other, and with God. This regrettable tragedy has caused a complete separation from the very source of our life.

**PRAYER** Lord may I lay my life before you in sacrifice for what you have done for me and my sins. What an awesome God we serve. In Jesus Name Amen.

## FRIDAY 6/23/23

PSALM 100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ROMANS 5:1-11// 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

**REFLECTION** We boast because we have been justified by the blood of Christ. When someone accepts Christ as Savior, God's wrath is no longer upon them. Take a moment and think about this. "God is no longer mad at you." What would that mean for a person of faith? As a person of faith, who is touched by the Spirit, we die to self and are resurrected to new life in Christ. We will never be separated from God's love again. This means God continues to offer His grace of forgiveness in spite of our all our sins. We must be aware that there are some people who have an outward profession of faith, yet do not know Jesus. Jesus makes it clear some do not possess what Jesus declares. In John 3:3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." Jesus says people honor him with their lips, but their hearts are far from him. ([Matt. 15:8](#)). Many people say "Lord, Lord, didn't we do this in your name?" Jesus will send them away, saying: "Depart from Me, you workers of inequity, I never knew you" ([Matthew 7:23](#)). The purpose of God's election is to bring His people safely to heaven. Therefore, what good God starts in us God promises to finish. The Holy Spirit is our sanctifier, convictor, and helper to make certain of our heavenly home. We now are able to live a transcendental life filled with the essence of being united to God.

**PRAYER** May I never give you lip service Lord, may my words and heart be pure when I speak of you. **IJNA**

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## SATURDAY 6/24/23

PSALM 116:1-2 // I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

ROMANS 5:1-11// 10 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! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**REFLECTION** We boast because we now have received reconciliation with God. In other words, we have a deep and profound peaceful relationship with God. God first offered the olive branch of peace to us in Christ's birth. To be reconciled to God means we have accept Christ. This truth starts with being touched by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit overwhelms our hearts, mind and soul to accept Christ died for me. That is very personal. A faith in God that is based on pietism stresses doctrine and theology and it is not personal. Thank goodness for Christ's willingness to be our mediator. God's justice has a price. The price is a life for a life. . Jesus makes complete amends with God. Therefore, each Sunday we can boast about our Savior and His glorious love for us.

**PRAYER** I pray to never take for granted what a freedom I have to worship you and share you with others. In Jesus Name Amen



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