

Peace with God

Romans 5:1-2 | Pastor Mike Maslin | December 3, 2023

1. To have peace with God I must have a righteous standing.
2. Jesus came so that I could have a righteous standing.
3. Because of Jesus, I now stand in grace.

Peace with God means...

- ✓ My relationship with God is secure.
- ✓ I am motivated by love and not by fear.
- ✓ I can be an ambassador of true peace.

Discussion Questions

1. Review: As we continue our Christmas series on “Peace with Us,” describe what the Bible means by peace?
2. We are by nature enemies of God to receive his wrath due to our sin (Romans 5:9-10). If this is our nature, how then can we find peace with God? (Hint: it’s a big theological word that starts with ‘j’). Describe.
For further encouragement on this question, see: Romans 3:21-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:13-14.
3. What astounds you most about having peace with God?
4. How does having peace with God and standing in grace affect how I view *God* when I sin? How does it affect how I view *myself* when I sin?
5. How can you describe the benefits of peace with God to friends, relatives, or co-workers whom you encounter who don’t know Jesus?
6. 1 John 4:18-19 describes how perfect love casts our fear. How does this passage relate to Romans 5:1-2.
7. How does having peace with God affect the other categories of peace we experience in our everyday lives – such as family peace, inner peace, marital peace, world peace, etc.?

Other key Bible verses cited in this message:

- *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- *Colossians 1:13, 19-20; 2:13-15*
- *1 Peter 2:24*
- *1 John 4:18-19*
- *Isaiah 53:5-6; 61:10*
- *John 16:33*
- *Romans 8:1-2, 33-39*

