

## RECONCILED TO GOD

*Romans 5:1 - 11*

Devotional Reading: Acts 2:37 - 47

Background Scripture: Romans 5:1 - 11

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- Identify what Christians have through faith
- Compare and contrast reconciliation with God to reconciliation between people
- Commit to sharing with an unbeliever a personal story of what life was like before and after being reconciled to God

**INTRODUCTION:** In Roman culture, the highest idea of friendship was the willingness to die for a friend. Paul shows God’s profound love for His enemies. Evidently, Paul knew the challenges Christians were facing there. While he used this letter to introduce himself to the church in Rome, it was, more importantly, his opportunity to present the Gospel to them. Paul faced the challenge of convincing his Jewish brothers and sisters that salvation does not come from obeying the Law. It comes through having faith in Jesus Christ.

**KEY VERSE** *5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5:1 / KJV*

**LESSON:**

Effects of Justification

Romans 5:1 - 5

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Effects of the Cross

verses 6 - 11

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**SUMMARY:** Christians receive justification, sanctification, and glorification. Justification refers to saving faith, which happens when we acknowledge that we are sinners. Those who want to be right with God ask for His mercy and trust Jesus to save them will receive eternal salvation. Repentance, and belief result in justification. Justification results in peace with God. God works in our lives to help us become more and more like Jesus. As we mature in Christ, we grow in our assurance that God will be with us in our every weakness.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. *How do you experience peace with God?*
2. *What is the biggest sacrifice you would consider making for someone you know and love?*
3. *What circumstances make it challenging to show God's love to unbelievers?*

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<b>DAY / DATE</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	
<i>Mon., May 13<sup>th</sup></i>	Trusting in God Brings Perfect Peace	Isaiah 26:1 - 11
<i>Tue., May 14<sup>th</sup></i>	Good News of the Coming Lord	Isaiah 40:1 - 11
<i>Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup></i>	God's Spirit Poured Out	Acts 2:1-4, 14, 16-24, 36
<i>Thurs., May 16<sup>th</sup></i>	The Firstfruits of Reconciliation	Acts 2:37 - 47
<i>Fri., May 17<sup>th</sup></i>	Brothers Reconciled	Genesis 33:1 - 15
<i>Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup></i>	May God Bless Us with Peace	Psalms 29
<i>Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup></i>	Peace with God Through Jesus Christ	Romans 5:1 - 11