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**Big Thought**

Romans 5 shifts from the explanation of justification to the BENEFITS of this condition.

**Cornucopia of Justification** Romans 5:1-5

**I.** You have PEACE with God through your Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1, Colossians 1:19-22

**II.** Through Jesus Christ you have gained ACCESS by faith into this GRACE in which you now stand. Romans 5:2, Ephesians 3:12

**III.** You rejoice in the HOPE of the glory of God. Romans 5:3, Hebrews 11:1

**Benefit Cluster One**

Peace - Access - Grace - Hope

**Benefit Cluster Two**

SUFFERING -> PERSEVERANCE -> CHARACTER -> HOPE

**IV.** You rejoice in SUFFERING because it leads to hope. Romans 5:3-4

**A.** Perseverance - *hypomone* - to BEAR up under a LOAD & stay true to God.

**Application**

What LOAD do you need to stand up under & stay true to God?

**B.** Character - *dokine* - to be approved, to be tested, to show CONVINCING EVIDENCE of.

**Hope Assured**

Hope is more than a wish because it is assured by the LOVE of God poured into your heart through the HOLY SPIRIT. Romans 5:5

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read and memorize Romans 5:1-5. What are the benefits of justification identified in these verses? Which one of these really touches you? Why? Why is it significant that all these benefits lead to hope?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**MAY ONETHING**

This month we are teaming up with Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program (BCYMP) to encourage people to volunteer as mentors. BCYMP has 70 youth who are in mentoring relationships but more than 50 that are waiting to be paired up. Volunteers receive training & are asked to spend 1 hour each week with their mentee. It's time to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Become a Grace Giver by becoming a Mentor. If you have questions or want to sign up, email [communitylife@gracepoint-wesleyan.org](mailto:communitylife@gracepoint-wesleyan.org).

**ANOINT**

Sunday, May 22

On Sunday, May 22 following 3rd service we will gather for a meal & then join together to kick off a new church year. We are calling this gathering "Anoint." This meeting will be way beyond doing business; our desire is that we are led by the Holy Spirit as we gather together in this leadership setting. We pray it will be a celebration of what God has done & anticipation of what lies ahead. Please pray that this would be a special gathering anointed by God.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Embark on adventure that will light your way! Cave Quest VBS will be held Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Registration forms can be found online.

Link to registration form:

<http://www.gracepointwesleyan.org/vbs-2016----cave-quest.html>



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