

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

TRIUMPHANT JOY

ROMANS 5:1-11



The Heart of the Matter

What a magnificent section of Scripture we have before us in this message! Now that we have examined a raw, realistic portrait of human depravity and gotten a firm grip on God's grace—which prompts Him, because of His love, to justify the ungodly—it's time to rejoice! What better way for us to respond to our being declared righteous than rejoicing? To use Paul's term, when this triumphant joy takes hold of us, "we exult" (Romans 5:2, 3, 11). We have reached the place in this letter where we are made aware of some of the blessings for the believer that follow our being "justified by faith" (5:1). These blessings create within us an attitude of unparalleled joy.



Discovering the Way

1. Two General Observations

This passage covers past, present, and future while clarifying the benefits of being justified.

2. Three Levels of Rejoicing (Romans 5:1-11)

Because we've been justified, we rejoice in hope, in tribulation, and in God Himself.

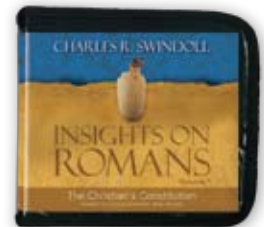


Starting Your Journey

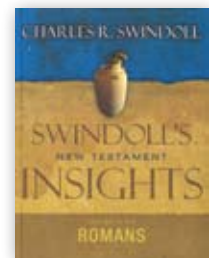
We can begin to experience the joy of the Christian life when we remember four truths. First, the key to rejoicing is having the right focus. Second, being willing to focus means having the right attitude. Third, the by-product of a right attitude is triumphant joy. And fourth, the result of triumphant joy is living above our circumstances.



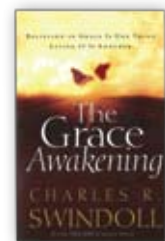
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