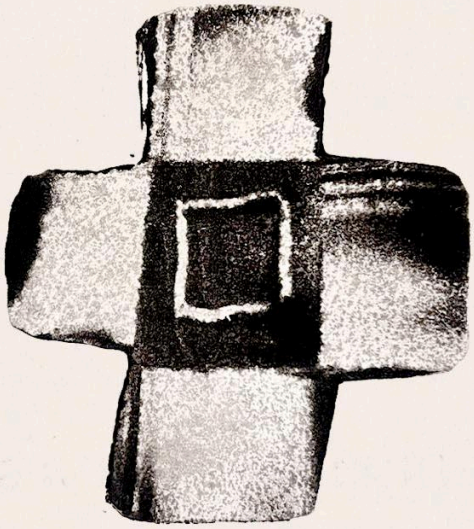


FAITH AS REALITY

Peace That Holds
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Romans 5:1-11
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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 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! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Salvation is Past Tense: "We Have Been Saved"
We ***have been*** justified by his blood (5:9)
We ***have been*** reconciled to God through the death of Jesus (5:10)
We ***have been*** saved through Jesus' life (5:10)

2 Corinthians 5:17-18
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Salvation is Future Tense: "We Will Be Saved"
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more ***shall we be saved*** from God's wrath through Him! (5:9)

Romans 5:9
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

Salvation is Present Tense: "We Are Being Saved"
…we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Not only so, but we also [boast] in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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. (5:1b-5)

"The spiritual life is about making space for God in our lives, a space for God to fill, because his greatest desire is to give himself completely to us."

- St. John of the Cross

Romans 5:3-5
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Suffering for the Christian is always to be seen and understood as a part of a larger story that ends with hope.