

Lesson 10 – 5:1-11

Christ: the object of our faith – vs. 1-5

* The benefits of faith in Christ

1. Justification
2. Peace with God
3. Access to a position of grace (We are in a place where saving grace has been realized, but sanctifying grace is continual. Grace is connected completely to the person Jesus Christ. Without Christ, there is no grace.)

1) Grace is where we live

2) Grace is where we rejoice

1: In hope (having seen and participating in the glory of God)

2: In suffering (knowing the results of suffering)

Suffering → Perseverance → Character → Confidence

* Our confidence isn't misplaced because God continues to lavish His love by the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Christ: The sacrifice for reconciliation – vs. 6-11

* Christ died for us who were once despicable rebels – 6-8

1. It would be rare for someone to die for one who is upright.
2. It could be that someone would die for one who is good.
- (The implication – no one would die for a loser. But...)
3. Someone did die for us sinners, Christ.

* Christ died for us who are now reconciled friends – 9-11

1. Because we are justified, we will be saved from God's wrath.
2. Because we are reconciled, we will be saved by Christ's life.
3. Because we are reconciled, we now rejoice in God through Christ.