



[Romans 5:1-2](#)

(1) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (2) through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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Without a doubt, our sins separate us from [God](#) ([Genesis 3:24](#); [Isaiah 59:2](#); [Galatians 5:19-21](#)). Graciously, our heavenly Father desires a closer relationship with us, His elect ([John 17:3](#), 20-21). In [Leviticus 26:12](#), our Creator promises, “I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.” In [John 14:6](#), that same divine Being—in the form of Jesus Christ—testifies that He provides our ultimate path to God the Father.

In [Romans 5:1-2](#), the apostle Paul flatly asserts that justification brings us access to His grace, the undeserved favor that He grants to His faithful, humble children through [Jesus Christ](#) ([James 4:6](#)). In [Ephesians 2:18](#) and 3:12, Paul mentions this same access, strongly implying that such access is exclusive to our calling and not available to [the world](#).

By declaring the repentant sinner not guilty, justification helps to remove, not only the disturbing guilt from his conscience, but also the fear of being called before God and condemned ([Isaiah 57:20-21](#); [Romans 5:9](#)), replacing the guilt and fear with [hope](#) ([Romans 5:2](#); [Titus 3:7](#)). Such [peace](#) enables the justified to draw even closer to God with a more confident assurance of His mercy ([Hebrews 4:16](#); [7:19](#); [10:19](#)).

— Martin G. Collins

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