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Week 13: Peace with God

Romans 5:1-3

1. **Through justification, Christ's righteousness has been both _____ to us and _____ to us!**

Romans 5:4-5

2. **Biblical hope = the confident expectation of coming _____**

John 14:16-18

John 16:7

John 16:12-15

Romans 5:6-11

3. **Ultimately, eternal life is not a something or a somewhere, but a _____**

Additional Insights/ Application:

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Share about anything from the weekend message that stood out to you, made you think, made you question, or brought comfort to your soul...

Ponderings:

2. Read through Romans 5:1-11 again as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
 - What does it mean, in your own words, that you have "peace with God" through Jesus Christ? Try to avoid theological jargon for this one and simply put it in terms that are practical and applicable to everyday life.
 - How is it possible to truly "glory" in your sufferings? Is Paul out of his mind here? Why is suffering an essential element of discipleship?
 - Verse 5 states that the Holy Spirit is both a Person and a Gift (i.e. "who has been given to us"). To what extent do you consciously acknowledge the person and work of the Holy Spirit on a daily basis? Explain...
 - Since as a believer your heart has been filled with the love of God through the Holy Spirit, what does this imply about your new nature...your true nature...as a child of God?
 - In verses 6, 8 and 10, Paul says various things about our PAST identity prior to salvation. We were powerless, we were sinners, and we were enemies of God. In what specific way(s) has God reversed the results of that curse in our lives through new life in Christ? Speak to each one individually...
3. If it is true that you were powerless (but are now filled with power), and that you were a sinner (but are now a saint) and that you were an enemy of God (but are now at peace with Him)...why is it that you sometimes "feel" otherwise?
4. The Bible teaches that we are three-part beings (body, soul and spirit...1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 4:12). If your spirit is already perfected and your body will one day be resurrected, what is happening to your soul (mind, will and emotions) during your stay on planet earth? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. How would a more conscious awareness of your union with Christ make a difference in your life this week? Try to be specific...