**United in the Gospel: “Peace with God”**

**Romans 5:1-11**

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**Peace with God is possible...**

**I. Through a new relationship with God. (vs 1-2).**

*“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins……were by nature children of wrath…”* Ephesians 2:1,3

*“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind….”* Colossians 1:21

*“…and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”* Ephesians 2:16

**II. Through a new purpose of suffering. (vs 3-5)**

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds….”* James 1:2

**III. Through a new view of reconciliation. (vs 6-11)**

*“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God….”* 1 Pet. 3:18

*“We love (Him) because He first loved us.”* 1 John 4:19

*“…..he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him…”* Col. 1:22

“When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

**Faith Sheet:**

1. Life is a battle for the Christian, but no longer a battle with God. What does it mean for you to have peace with God?
2. What are some battles you still have today that can disturb the peace of God in your daily life?
3. Why would anyone want to stay at odds with another person? Why with God?

1. Read and discuss: Isaiah 9:6; 53:6; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 1:77-79; 2:14; John 14:27; Acts 10:36; Eph. 2:14-17; 6:15 (where 'peace' is a one word summary of the Gospel); Philippians 4:4-7; Col. 1:20; 3:15; Heb. 10:19-23)
2. We can rejoice in suffering because we have peace with God. What does suffering do for us and through us that causes us to rejoice? (2 Cor. 6:3-10; 11:16-12:10, Heb. 12:1-11) Pray for God’s people to enjoy our peace and rejoices always.