

THREE REASONS TO JUMP FOR JOY

#1 – The Peace Treaty

(Romans 5:1,2)

Introduction:

● Think of situations when you jumped for joy

1. When you w_____ something
2. When you got your first _____

● Rom 5:2 uses a word in the Greek text, variously translated as rejoice, glory, exult, boast.

1. The Greek word is often used in a bad sense of being a _____ (*I am the greatest!*)
2. In this context it is used in a good sense and so is a word of extreme j_____.

● The first reason for the believer to jump for joy is because we have p_____

1. This is not a f_____, otherwise it would depend on us.
2. This is an un_____ reality
3. Think of it like a peace treaty, something that can be observed.

This Peace Treaty was Effected by _____ (1)

● Verse 1 begins with the word _____

1. This word is pointing b_____ to the argument of chapters three and four and then points forward to a logical conclusion:
 - a. The argument of the previous chapters is that righteousness can only be put on a person's record book by f_____ (3:22,28; 4:6,13)
 - b. The logical conclusion for those who have been justified (i.e. declared r_____) by faith is we have p_____
2. What is this peace?
 - a. It is peace with G_____
 - 1) When sin entered the world it s_____ humanity from God
 - 2) All sinners w_____ against God, whether knowingly or unknowingly
 - 3) Since no sinner can remove the sin barrier to God, God declared war on sin and worked to r_____ humanity to Himself (2 Cor 5:18)
 - b. It is through J_____, and so is only made with people of f_____.
 - 1) All the work to remove the sin barrier was done by Jesus on the c_____
 - 2) John 20:19-21; 26,27 shows the resurrected Jesus ex_____ peace
 - i The Greek text has no verb and so should literally read, "Peace to you."
 - ii If "Peace to you" were meant to be a w_____, ("May peace be yours") the Greek would have a verb in the optative mode (see Jude 1:2 for an example of this)
 - iii If "Peace to you" were meant to be a statement of fact, the Greek text would have a verb in the indicative mode (the normal mode of making statements)
 - iv In ancient Greek there were no punctuation marks and so to communicate an exclamation they would omit the verb – Peace to you!
 - 3) John 20:19-21; 26,27 shows the resurrected Jesus exclaiming peace and then showing His w_____ from the cross.

● In what ways do people seek peace? Have you tried to bring peace into your life through any of these?

1. Drugs, sexual pleasure, etc.
2. Hobbies, recreational activities
3. Religious activity
4. While facing death

● No one can make peace with God

1. God can only make peace with _____

2. Peace with God can only come through J_____ as our Lord (*since we have been justified by faith we have peace with God through OUR Lord Jesus Christ*)

This Peace Treaty is Cancelled by _____ (2)

● Verse 2 speaks of our access or introduction into this peace relationship with God, calling it g_____

1. Grace is a gift that we do not d_____ (NLT translates this as an undeserved privilege).
2. Grace and peace go hand in hand and so in every single letter Paul writes, he omits the verb and ex_____ grace and peace to believers – Grace to you and peace! (Rom 1:7; I Cor 1:3; 2 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2; Col 1:2; I Thess 1:1; 2 Thess 1:2; I Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:3)
3. This is a reminder that our salvation from sin is all of God's d_____ and none of our doing

● Verse 2 also uses the Greek perfect tense in the phrase – *we have obtained (gained)...this grace in which we stand.*

1. The Greek perfect tense points back to a specific time when we gained this grace – the time you _____ Christ.
2. The Greek perfect tense emphasizes ongoing results – the continued s_____ of grace and peace we are in.
3. Therefore no one can cancel this peace treaty with God.
 - a. Y_____ cannot cancel it (God changes our will so that we will never want to – see Rom 10:11)
 - b. S_____ cannot cancel it (see Jn 10:28)
 - c. G_____ cannot cancel it (Jn 3:16 – eternal life is eternal; you cannot have it temporarily)

● We have every reason to jump for joy – peace with God is permanent!

*I've found a friend, O such a friend!
Christ loved me before I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love,
And thus he bound me to him;
And round my heart still closely twine
Those ties which none can sever,
For I am His and Christ is mine,
Forever and forever.*