



————— ❧ Week 1 ❧ —————

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 5:1-11

This weeks reading challenge:

- OK!! We are moving into the next big section of Romans, so if you can, re-read all of Romans chapters 1-4.
- Read the focus scripture, 5:5-11, several times.

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 5:1-2

————— ❧ Study and Reflection ❧ —————

Day 1: Read Colossians 2:6-8. How has Romans thus far helped you fulfill the exhortation of these verses? Write out the primary “truth building blocks” we have learned thus far, and how these have “strengthened you in your faith as you have been taught.”

Day 2: In Romans 5:2, we see the amazing statement that “*we have gained access by faith into this Grace in which we stand.*”

- What do you think it means to “stand” in Grace?

- Read through the rest of Romans 5:1-11, and then describe what Paul means by the “*Grace*” in which we stand. In what ways does God show us/provide us with Grace so that we may *stand* each day, in the midst of life as it really is?

Day 3: Read verses 3&4. Why (and how) would we be able to ‘glory’ or ‘exult’ in our sufferings? Can you think of a time when the truth of these verses has played out in your life? Jot down a few essential thoughts to remind you how God grew you through this.

Read verses 6-8. What emotions does this raise up within you? How might you express gratitude to God for this amazing truth?

Read verse 10. What do you think is the ‘much more’ God extends to us *beyond* the fact that in Christ, we have been fully reconciled to Him?