

## **Peace with God through the Cross of Christ.**

### **Trinity Sunday.**

#### **Romans 5: 1-11.**

**V1** *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

- We rely totally on Jesus to be at peace with God.

**V2** *“...and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”*

- Christians are people who have hope. God calls us to look forward and for even better.

**V5** *“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”*

- We don't have to wait until we die to see God revealed!
- God wants us to know His love now. Heaven will show us this completely.
- United to God by the Holy Spirit. A living, personal, connection.

**V6** *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”*

- The human condition is desperate. *“Powerless”*.
- But God had the matter in hand. *“at just the right time.”* The death of Christ was not a disaster, not a plan gone out of control. It was what Christ came for.
- It is just amazing. *“Christ died for the ungodly.”* Think of that...

**V9** *“Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!”*

- Put right and so we face Judgement without fear.

**V10** *“For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!”*

- We died with Christ and our penalty was paid. And Christ did this when we were God's enemies! So just think what more He has in store for us, now we are His friends!

#### **Applying the scripture.**

1. What does it mean to be *“justified through faith”* (v1). And why does this bring peace?
2. What does verse 2 mean? What is this hope that we have?
3. How does verse 5 show the Trinity in action? Can you think of any other ways to understand the Trinity? Some thoughts were shared at the start of the service, if anyone can remember these.
4. Look at verses 6 & 9. How would you explain to a non-Christian why Christians are not afraid to meet God (ie why are we sure of being welcomed into heaven?)
5. How does verse 10 assure and encourage us?
6. Prayer time could include praying for assurance, if any cell members do not feel the assurance that this passage guarantees is for them because of Jesus.