**20210103 Live in God’s grace that we stand in**

**Romans 5:1-2**

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Genesis 3:17-19

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

**1. WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED THROUGH FAITH.**

Galatians 2:16

16 know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that **we may be justified by faith in Christ** and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 It is because of him that you are **in Christ Jesus**, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, **our righteousness**, holiness and redemption.

**2. WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

2 Corinthians 5:19

19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, **not counting men's sins against them**. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him **we might become the righteousness** of God.

**3. WE HAVE GAINED ACCESS INTO THIS GRACE BY FAITH THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

Hebrews 4:16

16 Let us then **approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace** to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 10:22

22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart **in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**THE CALLING AND REASON TO REJOICE**

Romans 5:2b

2 …And we rejoice **in the hope of the glory of God**.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For **the grace of God** that **brings salvation** has appeared to all men.

12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

13 while we wait for **the blessed hope** - **the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ**,

14 who gave himself for us **to redeem us** from all wickedness and **to purify** for himself **a people that are his very own**, eager to do what is good.