

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

This morning, I would like you to turn in your Bible, please, with me to **Romans, chapter 5**, to a little phrase about having **peace**. Do you feel all disturbed this morning about something? Have you been listening to the news? Are things not looking very good concerning your job? Where is the money going to come from? What will happen to the children? Are all these things racing through your mind? There is, however, a **peace with God that passeth all understanding. (Philippians 4:7)**. In **Romans 5, verse 1**, we read -- - **Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now **peace** is a word that is being used around the world. There are some people who have a political position of trying to bring in peace. There are other people, who travel around the nations, and, as best they can, they try and sew up the broken messes. But there is no answer to peace without knowing the Prince of Peace. There is only one Prince of Peace and His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. I can never know peace with God without knowing Him. How do I know Him?

**2/ By whom also. . . - that is the Lord Jesus Christ - . . . we have**

**access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.** What is this all about? We can, by faith, enter into the very presence of God with joy in our hearts, with singing and with rejoicing. We can have peace with God, for it is all by grace. You know, **this grace** is the very opposite of all the trying and the doing of the law. The older I get, the more amazed I am at the grace of God! This is liberal grace poured out to you, right where you are. You do not have to patch up your life today and try and turn it around a little bit better to make up for the compromises of yesterday. It is through the access that we have to a holy God, that there can be that cleansing and, with that cleansing, there comes peace. We often hear from people in prison. They have committed terrible crimes; their past is just a dreadful nightmare. But suddenly, although their circumstances remain the same - they are still in prison and they still must fulfill their time to meet the requirement of the law - but in their hearts, they have peace with God. . . . **we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.** There is hope for the hopeless. Hope for the hopeless with this **peace**, because of **the glory of God.**

You know, I want you right now to bring to God what you are going through. You can just turn to Him and, in your heart, simply cry for this peace. Are you willing to do that? Just stop what you are doing and say this little prayer with me. *Oh dear Lord, I am in such a muddle*

*inside. I feel so distressed. I do not know whether it is my fault. I do not know what it is all about, but I have lost any peace I ever had with You. But right now, Lord, I pray that You will bring peace to my life, and peace to our family, because of the work of the Cross. I thank You that I have access by faith. It is by faith I come now, believing that You will cleanse me and fill me afresh with Your Spirit. Fill me, that I rejoice in hope with You. I thank You, Lord, that it is all because of Your provision in Christ Jesus, my Lord and Saviour.*

*Amen.*