Romans 5:1-11

1. **Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**
2. We all should know about what Justification is, it is being made right in God’s eyes.
3. The prize of this verse is that we are at peace with God. We are not enemies of God anymore. Because of Jesus we are at peace with God not war.

2. **through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.**

1. Grace (God’s riches at Christ’s expense) or so the acronym goes. It is much more than that. It is a constant state of grace. We are secure forever in Christ. because of Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins.
2. We now have hope. We thought we had hope before but it was a false hope, a fool's hope. Now we really do have hope because our hope is not in ourselves or our works it is in Jesus Christ.

3-5. **And not only this, but we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

1. Christianity is not just getting saved and that is it. It is a progression. We see that in this scripture. That through tribulation (a very strong word, not just inconveniences) we get perseverance and then a proven character when people see how we handle ourselves in these things, and that gives us hope.
2. God’s love was literally poured out for us. And now we are recipients to this grace.

**6. For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly.**

1. We cannot earn salvation, it had to be a sacrifice of a perfect lamb to overcome sin.
2. We are helpless when it comes to ourselves. We constantly sin even without knowing it at times. We need a Savior.

**7. For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die.**

1. The comparison Paul was making is that as humans and offspring of Adam we are neither just nor good.
2. Paul was stating that some people might die for someone like this, but most would not. We value ourselves over others.

**8. But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

1. Jesus died for us when we were enemies against him. The English word enemy seems too soft a term, think we were at war.
2. There are plenty of stories about people saving other people, but who would die for the murderer, the thief, the rapist? It could only be Christ who did.

**9. How much more then, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from wrath.**

1. Everyone without Christ will face God’s wrath. He is a Just God who must repay each person according to their works. Either you go on the work of Jesus or your own works.
2. Your own works will send you to Hell. – Isaiah 64:6 “our works are filthy rags.”

**10. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.**

1. Before the foundation of the world a Christian can take comfort that we were chosen.
2. We were saved by Jesus’ death of the cross, but without the resurrection His death would have been meaningless. It is because of His resurrection that we are saved.

**11. And not only that, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received this reconciliation.**

1. Now we can brag about our Lord. We can brag about what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do for us in the future.