

Book/Chapter: Romans 5
Category: Basic Christian Doctrine

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Parent to child(ren): Do you know anyone who has “enemies?” What does that mean to you? Someone who has enemies has people who don’t like him, are against him, and who might even try to fight with Him. Did you know the wonderful Lord Jesus had many enemies when He walked on the earth? Did you know He still does have many, even to this day?

Who do you think Jesus’ enemies are? The Bible says Jesus’ enemies are those who don’t honor Him for who He is. They don’t believe He is God or put their trust in Him to save them. They don’t surrender their lives to serve Him as their King.

In chapters 1-3 of Romans, we learned that at one time all of us lived as enemies of Jesus – yes, even you and me! We’ve done that by sinful things we’ve done and said and thought. We have all sinned against the Lord, and been on the side of His enemies instead of His friends.

Now how do most people treat their enemies? Don’t most people try to stay away from their enemies? Don’t they have lots of bad thoughts and feelings about them? Well, in Romans 5, we learn a most amazing thing about our Jesus. We learn that He did something incredible for His enemies. Far from disliking them and wanting to have nothing to do with them - Jesus sought after His enemies. He sought to make them friends. He died on the cross to pay for their sins against Him so they wouldn’t have to do pay for them. And when He died, it was also for you and me.

Another amazing thing we learn in Romans 5 is that by trusting in Jesus (who is God the Son), our relationship with God the Father becomes totally healed. God the Father no longer thinks of us as sinners and enemies after we’ve put our trust in Jesus. He thinks of us then as His very own children. We are precious to Him. He immediately welcomes us into His family and blesses us with more spiritual blessings than we can imagine.

Q21. How does trusting in Jesus change our relationship as sinners with God the Father?

A21. *We now have peace with God (v.1), live our lives in the grace of God (v.2), and are sure that we will one day see the glory of God! (v.2).*

Q22. How do these things change the meaning of troubles and trials in our lives right now?

A22. *They give us endurance, which allows us to experience God, which strengthens our hope! (vv. 3-5)*

Q23. What, more than anything else, shows how much love God has for mankind?

A23. *Sending His only Son to die for the ungodly – for sinners who are His enemies (vv. 6-8, 10)*

Q24. Do we who trust in Jesus need to be concerned any longer about being punished for our sins?

A24. *No! We are saved from God’s wrath through trusting in Jesus (vv. 9-10)*

Q25. Are we sinners because we sin, or do we sin because we are sinners?

A25. *We sin because we are sinners. We were born into sin since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden (v. 12).*

Italicized words can be used as shortened answers for smaller children. Older children should be helped to understand and memorize the complete answers.

Scriptures to teach & to help your child(ren) hide in their hearts

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Romans 5:1, “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:8, “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:12, “Wherefore as by one man, sin entered the world, and death by sin: so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

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Romans 5:1, “Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

Romans 5:8, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Romans 5:12, “When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.”

----- Suggested Memory Work -----

Up to age 6 / answers only (*shortened, italicized answers*)

Ages 7-9 / answers plus one scripture

Ages 10-12 / answers plus two scriptures

Ages 13 & up / answers plus all three scriptures

NOTE TO DADS: At least one day this week, sit and read **Romans 5** with your family. Talk with them about the message of the chapter. Go over the Q & A's with them. By reading God's Word to them, sharing with them things God is teaching you at Calvary Chapel, quizzing them with Q & A's, and helping them memorize scripture, you will be strongly discipling your own family, equipping them to be strong in the Lord and mighty in His Word!