

Standing in Grace — Shining in Joy

I. Awake, Arise, Count it all joy, No eye has seen, the eyes of the Lord.

Is. 51:17 Wake yourself, **wake** yourself, **stand up**, O Jerusalem,

II. Arise and Shine (redemptive rhythm)

Is. 60:1 **Arise**, (Stand and become light) shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will **arise** upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

A. Standing in Grace

Rom. 5:1 **Therefore**, since we have been **justified** *by faith*,
we have **peace with God** *through* our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 *Through* him

we have also obtained **access** *by faith*

into this grace in which we stand,

and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1. **Therefore** — (esp. ch. 3 &4)

Rom. 4:13 For the **promise** to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the *righteousness of faith*.

Rom. 4:16 That is why it *depends on faith*, in order that the *promise may rest on grace* and be guaranteed to all his offspring—

2. since we have been **JUSTIFIED** *by FAITH* —

- a. By Grace 3:24 .. we are justified by his grace as a gift
- b. By Resurrection 4:25 raised for our justification.
- c. By Faith
- d. By His Blood 5:9 ... now been justified by his blood
- e. By God 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

3. We have **PEACE** *with God through* our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Ransom, Redeemer, & Only Way to the Father)

We **HAVE** (possess, own, hold on to, wear, experience, are marked by)!

PEACE with God

PEACE is both a *state*, (of reconciliation with God) and a *condition*, (inner conviction that all is well).

It is **the BLESSING** which Christ BY his sacrifice gave to His church (John 14:27 I give you;
16:33 In ME)

SURPASSING all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

Not an unclouded sky reflected in the tranquil waters of a lake, but **the cleft** of the rock in which the Lord hides his children when the storm is raging; it is the hiding place under His wings, Like a hen gathers her brood, that the little chicks are safe in the storm.

Verse 2 **through HIM**

we have **OBTAINED** access *by faith* into

this grace

IN which WE STAND!

Through Him — (the WAY)

4. We have **obtained ACCESS** *by faith*

free entrance has been permanently granted
we obtained it by TRUSTING His faithfulness

5. **This GRACE**

IN which

WE STAND!

Grace, is God's **spontaneous**, unmerited **favor in action**, his freely bestowed **lovingkindness in operation**, bestowing salvation upon guilt-laden sinners who turn to him for refuge.

It's the rainbow round about the very throne out of which proceed flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder (*Rev. 4:3, 5; Gen 9:13-17*).

God is the Judge who not only **remits** the penalty but also **cancel**s the guilt of the offender but even **adopts** him as his own son.

AND

6. We **REJOICE (boast)** in **HOPE** of the **Glory of God!**

IN. Catastrophes and Calamities yet In God — Our lives resiliently unfold as a message of HOPE *INDELIBLY WRITTEN* by GRACE!

Our Father engineers BLESSINGS out of BLUNDERS.

He brings forth GLADNESS out of SADNESS.

In His darkroom NEGATIVES become POSITIVES,

He is the SITUATION REVERSAL EXPERT!

REJOICE (boast) in **HOPE of the **Glory of God!****

So we can: Count It ALL Joy

Jas 1:2 **Count** it **all** joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ...

Rom 8:28 And we know that **for those who love God** **all** things **work together** for good, for those who are **called** according to **his purpose**.

IRONCLAD UNFAILING ALL-ENCOMPASSING

NO EXCEPTIONS

EVERY tragedy, trial, teardrop, burden, problem, day.

STAY IN LOVE — ALL THINGS work together to **GOOD**

THE PROMISE IS

All-inclusive; all-powerful, always available. Not a platitude, but a divine promise with No Expiration Date.

Commission to Hope Therapy!

Rom 15:13 NIV May the **God of hope** fill (πληρω- fill to overflow, pervade with influence, fully possess) **you** with **all joy** and **peace** as you trust in him [in believing], **so that you may overflow** (περισσεύω - over and above, abound, superfluous in quantity) **with hope** **by the power of the Holy Spirit!**

14 I myself am **convinced**, my brothers, that you yourselves are **full** (μεστος - replete, full beyond expectation or appropriateness) **of goodness, complete** (perfect tense πλήρη - fill to overflow, pervade with influence, fully possess) **in knowledge** and **competent** (δυνάμος - powerful, able) **to instruct** one another.

Justified by Faith

Peace with God through Lord Jesus Christ

Free Access

Standing in GRACE

Exulting (Proclamation)

HOPE of the Glory of God