

WHO DO THEY SAY THAT HE IS? During this series, we will explore how other faiths view Jesus Christ in light of our own expressions of faith in Him as Savior and Lord. This week we will study **Romans 5:1-19** with Dr. Baucom as he asks the question, **Who Do the Mormons Say He Is?**

1. Have you ever made a mistake and not known how you were going to 'fix-it'? Then before you had the opportunity, someone graciously stepped in and made it right? How did it make you feel? How did you respond to them? On the other hand, have you had the opportunity to do the same, to help someone out of a jam; to help correct their error? Did you choose to help make it right, or let them face the consequences? How did they respond to you?
2. **Read Romans 5:1-19.** Paul is completing a discussion of 'justification by faith' that he began in chapter 3. In this chapter, he describes the results of our justification.

Translations of Romans 5:1 that might give you added insight:

Now that we have God's approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done. God's Word

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us - set us right with him, make us fit for him - we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. The Message

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Good News

What does Paul say, in verse 1, that believers have through faith in Christ?

3. **Read and reflect on Romans 5:1-8.** Read it slowly once again and sit with this passage for about 10 minutes.
 - How do you understand that God can work in and through your 'tribulations'?
 - How do you see Christ's movement in your life?

- **Reread verse 5.** Rest here in God's love poured out for you. How are you experiencing God's love in your life today?
4. **Read Romans 3:19-28.** Go back to the beginning of Paul's discussion on Christ's gift of justification. How does Paul say believers become justified before God? What do you think it means to be *justified* before God?
 5. **Read Romans 4:1-1-8.** This passage provides the core of Paul's argument about justification using the Old Testament character Abraham as his principal example. Read the following verses to learn more about the passage Paul has cited and its use by Paul and other New Testament writers. Particularly try to understand the ways in which the seemingly contradictory statements of Paul and James can be reconciled with one another.
 - Genesis 15:1-6
 - Galatians 3:1-9
 - Hebrews 11:8-19
 - James 2:14-26
 6. **Reread Romans 5:8-11.** What does Paul say causes the reconciliation of a person with God?
 7. **Reread Romans 5:12-19.** Whose act of righteousness can result in your good standing before God? Especially note in verse 18, how the act of the One Man results in life.
 8. **Read Galatians 3:23-26.** What does Paul say the purpose of the Law is? How does Paul say we can become children of God?
 9. What have you learned about the nature and character of Christ this week through your study of Romans 5:1-19? Share with your group who you say Jesus is.

Spend time this week with your group praying about your understanding of who Jesus is. Ask God to reveal to you new aspects of who he is. Consider what you can do to help others know Him better.