

Romans 5:1-2

Don't measure your value to God based on what you've done - good or bad. Base your value to God solely on the person of Jesus Christ.

Justification – (1) Not Guilty (2) Righteous

Faith- Believing and trusting in God's promise in Jesus.

Three things we have access to because we are joined to Christ by Faith.

1. Peace-
2. Hope-
3. Grace-

So What?

1. Joy in Christ is now yours forever, instead of eternal torment.
2. This grace (verse 2) keeps your eyes fixed on Jesus now, after salvation, to remind you that good day or bad day, success or failure, God is for me.

(Titus 3:12-14)

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*"The gospel, applied to our hearts every day, frees us to be brutally honest with ourselves and with God. The assurance of His total forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Christ means we don't have to play defensive games anymore. We don't have to rationalize and excuse our sins. We can say we told a lie instead of saying we exaggerated a bit. We can admit an unforgiving spirit instead of continuing to blame our parents for our emotional distress. We can call sin exactly what it is, regardless of how ugly and shameful it may be, because we know that Jesus bore that sin in His body on the cross. With the assurance of total forgiveness through Christ, we have no reason to hide from our sins anymore"*