

## FINDING PEACE WITH GOD

**QUESTION: How do you find peace with God?**

Romans 5:1 (NIV) *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.*

**1). We're justified through faith.**

= "pronounced or treated as righteous."

**2). Access to God by faith.**

**My response to pain/suffering:**

**Option #1: God, how could You?**

**Option #2: God, how can I embrace You?**

Romans 5:3 (NIV) *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

Suffering → Perseverance → Character → Hope

Romans 5:5 (NIV) *And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Romans 5:6 (NIV) *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*

Romans 5:7 (NIV) *Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.*

Romans 5:8 (NIV) *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:12 (NIV) *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.*

Romans 5:13 (NIV) *To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.*