

## Romans 5:1-5

### Author

- The author of the book of Romans was the apostle Paul.
- Paul was a Roman citizen from the city of Tarsus (which is in present-day Turkey).
- He was a tentmaker as well as a religious leader—a Pharisee, trained under the famous first-century rabbi Gamaliel.

### Date Written

- Paul wrote Romans around the year AD 57, possibly while in the city of Corinth on his third missionary journey.
- Paul stayed in Corinth for about a year and a half.

**Romans 5** is an explanation of the last word in chapter 4, **justification**.

Justification is God’s declaration that the believing sinner is righteous in Christ. Justification is our standing before God; sanctification is our state here on earth before others. Justification never changes; sanctification does.

The word for suffering in Greek refers to **“pressure”**

Paul **doesn’t** say, “We rejoice **even though** we’re suffering.”

Paul is also **not** saying, “We rejoice **for our sufferings**.”

**The Day of Atonement** -provided an annual opportunity to ‘wipe the slate clean by cleansing both the sanctuary and the people.

- Fixed in the annual calendar six months after the spring Passover.
- It provided the ongoing means of cleansing God’s redeemed people so that he could continue to dwell among them.

## BIG IDEA

The **pressures we face** are not so much an **argument for God’s absence**, but a **demonstration of his presence**.

## WE

What would it look like if everyone in our Church did this?

### The Result

- I have **greater confidence in God’s presence and care** than I had **before**.
- I am **more compassionate toward people** around me who are suffering than **I was before**.



### Recommendations based on the sermon

- **The Real God by Chip Ingram**
- **The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller**
- **Befriend by Scott Sauls**
- **Why Jesus by David Nasser (Youth)**
- **What’s in the Bible? Vol 12: Letters from Paul (Kids)**

### Recommended Books

*Reunion by Bruxy Cavey*

*What do you think of me? Edward Welch*

*Winning the War in Your Mind by Craig Groeschel*

### Resources Used

*Paul for Everyone by NT Wright*

*The Bible from 30,000 feet*

*Wiersbe’s Expository Outlines*

*IVP Bible Background NT*

*The Bible Speaks Today*

*The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*

*The IVP Bible Background Commentary*