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Gather, Grow and Go, in the Name of Jesus Christ

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:1

Dear DCC Members and Friends,

As we continue to press forward with the work in which God has called us to please continue to pray for the church and its leadership. The work I am referring to is Kingdom work. Jesus said in Matthew 28, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” We have been called to a mighty work here in our community but we are not alone in this work. Jesus has promised to be with us every step of the way. So, please continue to pray that we will seek His will in all we do that He might receive all the praise, glory, and honor.

Also, please remember with all that is going on here at DCC and as we continue to plan for the future I would like to invite anyone who would like to chat on the phone or meet privately to please let me know. Whether it is to ask questions or to discuss anything of joy or concern I want to always be available to anyone within our congregation.

Lastly, the Apostle Paul writes, “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” What wondrous good news that is. If we do not have that peace, we lose energy worrying about the wrong things. If we do not have that peace, we may carry a life-long burden of feelings of unworthiness.

One elderly gentleman found that peace even though he was confined to a bed for forty years because of a fall that left him with a broken neck. His back was broken but not his cheerful spirit. A friend once asked him if he were not tempted at times to be bitter toward God. The old man answered, “Oh, there are times when I have been tempted. It is difficult to look out my window and see my friends doing things that I will never be able to do. At such times questions have come to me about the goodness of God.” His friend asked earnestly, “What do you do at such times?” The old man answered, “In my mind I go to Calvary and think about Christ and the wounds that he bore in his body in my behalf. As I think about the cross and the great love God must have for me, doubt and bitterness melt away. I know he loves me. The cross says it all.”

The cross does say it all. Do you have a troubled spirit? Do you waste valuable hours worrying about things beyond your control? Are there things in your past or even in your present that rob you of your peace because you know that they are outside the will of God for you? I invite you to go to the foot of the cross and see there just how much God loves you. Accept that love for

yourself. As Paul writes, “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Accept His peace today.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jason