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Message Key: Our justification is more than the guarantee of heaven... it is also the source of tremendous blessing for us in the here and now... I've called that our benefit package.

Christ alone can bring lasting peace...peace with God...peace among men...and peace within our hearts. -Billy Graham

Romans 5:1-11 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² 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.³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ 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.⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

When God declared us righteous, He gave us **7 spiritual blessings** that assure us that we cannot be lost.

1. **P_____ with God** -verse 1
Psalm 85
Peace with God is not s_____ but objective.
2. **A_____ to God** -verse 2
The word “access” = entrance to the King granted through the f_____ of another.
3. **Glorious H_____** -verse 2
Peace with God takes care of the p_____.
Access to God takes care of the p_____.
Hope of the glory of God takes care of the f_____.
4. **Christian c_____** (vv. 3–4).
John 16:33
For the believer, trials work for him and not against him.
The sequence is tribulation—patience—proven character—hope.
5. **God’s I_____ within** (vv. 5–8). “Hope deferred maketh the heart sick.”
Proverbs 13:12
Faith (Rom. 5:1), hope (Rom. 5:2), and love (Rom. 5:5) all combine to give the believer patience in the trials of life.
6. **Salvation from future w_____** (vv. 9–10).
1 Thess. 1:9–10; 5:8–10
7. **R_____ with God** (v. 11).

A review of these seven blessings of justification shows how certain our salvation is in Christ. Totally apart from law, and purely by grace, we have a salvation that takes care of the past, the present, and the future. Christ died for us; Christ lives for us; Christ is coming for us! Hallelujah, what a Savior!