

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION IN CHRIST
(PART ONE)
ROMANS 5:1-2

I. BELIEVERS IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ENJOY A NEW POSITION BEFORE GOD (5:1-2)

- A. This New Position Grants Us Peace With God
 - 1. It Is A Position, Not A Possession
 - 2. It Is An Entire Reversal Of Our Former Position Of Antagonism To God
 - 3. It Is A Position To Be Enjoyed Right Now
- B. This New Position Grants Us Access To God

II. BELIEVERS IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAVE ADOPTED A NEW ATTITUDE THAT IS IN KEEPING WITH THEIR NEW LIFE (5:2b)

- A. It Is An Attitude Of Joy
 - 1. The Word Has An Interesting Etymology
 - 2. The Word Is Intended To Carry You Right Into The Rest Of Romans
- B. It Is An Attitude Of Joy In The Certain Prospects Of Our Future
 - 1. There Is Confident Expectation In Our Future Glorification
 - 2. There Is Confident Expectation In The Fact That It Will Be Our Glory To Be In The Renewed Image Of God As He Planned Before The Foundation Of The World

A MAJOR TEXTUAL CORRUPTION ROMANS 5:1

"WE HAVE" (**εχομεν**) PEACE (Indicative Mood) [TR & AV]

"LET US HAVE" (**εχωμεν**) PEACE (Subjunctive Mood) [CT mss.]

The changing of the omicron to an omega by many of the critical text manuscripts completely loses the entire idea Paul is trying to convey concerning our position in Christ and the peace with God that justification immediately affords the once estranged sinner. If one is justified, no exhortation is needed toward the reality of the peace that exists at once with the new position.

*Since the difference in pronunciation between **ο** and **ω** in the Hellenistic age was almost non-existent, when Paul dictated **εχομεν**, Tertius, his amanuensis (16:22) may have written down **εχωμεν**. **Bruce Metzger "A Textual Commentary On The Greek New Testament."***