

CrossWalk notes

Friend of Sinners The Ultimate Friend

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Truth: Lasting relationships are forged in _____
times, not in _____ times.

¹ 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. Romans 5:1-2, NIV

God is my _____, not my _____.
I stand underneath an umbrella of God's _____.
God is with me now, but the _____ is yet to come.

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. Romans 5:3-5, NIV

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, **a man of suffering**, and familiar **with pain**. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Isaiah 53:3, NIV

Christian suffering always has _____.
Jesus' suffering _____ for sin.
Our suffering directs us back to _____ and his promises.

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.** Romans 5:6-8, NIV

⁵ But he was pierced **for our transgressions**, he was crushed **for our iniquities**; the punishment that brought us peace was **on him**, and by his **wounds we are healed**. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all**. Isaiah 53:5-6, NIV

Jesus is the _____ of sinners.
He took the _____ that I do deserve.
He brings healing and _____ that I don't deserve.

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**. Romans 5:9-11, NIV

Jesus has facilitated a _____ with God.
Through Jesus our account with God is _____.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge **my righteous servant will justify many**,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him **a portion among the great**,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:11-12, NIV

MEMORY VERSE

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Bottom Line: Jesus is my Ultimate Friend. He gave his life as a sacrifice for mine. My relationship with God is restored. I will return on Easter to witness Jesus' victory over death.

What's your next step today?
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