

**WHY BE A CHRISTIAN?**  
**Romans 5:1-11**

**INTRODUCTION**

What are the benefits of being a believer? Why be a Christian?

This text mentions several benefits, mostly in this life right here and now.

**I. PERFECT PEACE**

- A. AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH JESUS
- B. IT IS PEACE WITH GOD
- C. IT OCCURS WHEN GUILT IS REMOVED

**II. PERFECT ACCESS**

- A. TWO MEANINGS OF THE WORD ACCESS
- B. THIS IS THE BASIS OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE BELIEVER
- C. THIS IS A POSITION OF PERFECT STANDING

**III. PERFECT HOPE AND JOY**

- A. WE REJOICE IN THE HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD
- B. WE REJOICE IN OUR TRIBULATIONS
- C. HOPE LEADS TO JOY

**IV. PERFECT LOVE**

- A. FLOODS THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER
- B. ILLUSTRATED IN JESUS
- C. PROVIDES PERFECT PARDON

**CONCLUSION**

Only through Jesus can you find perfect peace, access, hope, joy, love and pardon.

These are good reasons why anyone should want to be a Christian.