

# Focusing on the Gospel (2)

*We are justified through  
faith.*

# Romans 5:1 - 5

- see Romans 3:21 - 23
- We have peace with God through Jesus
- We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God
  - Boast in the hope of the glory of God---
- We also rejoice in our sufferings

# Romans 5:1 - 5

- We Know:
  - Suffering produces perseverance;
  - Perseverance, character;
  - Character, hope
- Can you mature in the gospel without this process?

## Romans 5:18 - 21

- Any question about the role of grace?
  - Grace increased all the more---
    - Grace might reign through righteousness
- Which presents a question:
  - Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

# So, what's the point?

When I was younger grace was sometimes the thing that got you to baptism, after which you needed to live by the law of Christ

The pendulum swings

Now we struggle to define righteous living by Christians in the face of an upside-down culture