

When God Smiles On My Soul

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[0 : 00] The 22nd of May. When God smiles in my soul. Our passage today is from Romans chapter 5 verse 1.

Peace with God. Peace with God is a very precious gift. Just how precious it is can be seen from the whole of Romans chapter 5 verse 1, from which I have quoted just three words.

One translation of the whole verse goes like this. It's from the New Living Translation. Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Peace with God is a life of spiritual freedom. Freedom from the power of punishment, the guilt of our sin. All because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

We receive this gift of peace through faith. That is, by accepting the fact that it is Jesus who makes us right in God's sight and not our own efforts to try to make ourselves presentable to God.

[1 : 10] One Bible scholar, William Hendrickson, has said that this peace with God is the smile of God reflected in the soul of the believer. That is beautiful.

When God smiles on my soul. This everlasting peace, as certain as his name, is sure as God's eternal throne, unchangeably the same.

Horatius Boner said that. And all because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. And a prayer. Dear Lord, I thank you for that smile of yours in my soul.

It is a precious gift to know that my soul is safe because of what Jesus has done for me. Amen.