

**THE BENEFICIARY**  
Thanksgiving special – 1 of 2  
11/23/08

Text: Romans 5:1-2; 2 Kings 7:3-8....

*“<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (ESV)*

Only Christianity dares to make God’s love unconditional.

**Blessing no.1 – P** **With GOD – v.1**

**Blessing no.2 – A P** **With GOD – v.1b-2a**

Ephesians 2:18: *“For through him (Jesus) we...have access [in one Spirit] to the Father.”* One chapter later, Paul reminds those believers, *“<sup>12</sup>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”* (3:12 NIV).

The first blessing deals with our PAST; we have peace with God because our past is pardoned. The second blessing deals with our PRESENT. We have a place with God because Jesus has presented us to His Father.

**Blessing no.3 – A S** **in HIS**

**G** **– v.2b**

Lead *Q* for next week – What does it mean to share in God’s glory? What does it mean to be beneficiaries of His grace?

