Romans Bible Study Questions: Chapter 5

What does it mean to “have peace with God” and to have “obtained access … into this grace in which we stand” (v 1-2)?

What, then, is the relationship between that standing and the process of formation (suffering, endurance, character-building, hope) of verses 3-5?

Consider verses 6-11. Paul describes “saving” with respect to “sinners” and “the enemies of God,” but also for those who “are reconciled.” In what different respects does the Lord Jesus Christ work for the saving of both the unbeliever and the believer?

What is meant by the reign of death from Adam to Moses (prior to the giving of the Law), in v 14, 17?

How does the reign of the free gift of righteousness undo the reign of death (v 15-17)?

In what ways are we to think of Christ as a Second Adam, and who are his descendants? [note: be sure to consider in light of v 1-11. When v 18 says “justification and life for all men” he speaks of life made available to every person; this life entered by faith.]