

# Romans 5:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## Analysis

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**By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand**—the perfect tense *estēkamen* (ἐστήκαμεν) emphasizes the believer's secure, established position in grace. Christ is both the door (access) and the realm (grace) of Christian standing. The metaphor recalls court language: believers have *προσαγωγή* (prosagōgē), the right of approach to the divine King, a privilege purchased by Christ's blood.

**And rejoice in hope of the glory of God** (καυχώμεθα ἐπ' ἐλπίδι τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ)—the glory humanity lost through sin (3:23) becomes the believer's confident expectation. This is no uncertain wish but assured hope grounded in God's promises and Christ's resurrection. Paul's 'boasting' vocabulary shifts from forbidden human boasting (3:27) to exulting in God's gracious provision, echoing Jeremiah 9:23-24.

## Historical Context

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In the Greco-Roman world, 'access' (prosagōgē) was a technical term for introduction to royalty or deity—a privilege jealously guarded by social hierarchy. Paul democratizes this language: every believer, Jew or Gentile, slave or free, has immediate access to God through Christ. This would have been revolutionary to first-century readers familiar with temple courts that progressively restricted access based on gender, ethnicity, and ritual purity.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does standing 'in grace' differ from the performance treadmill of constantly trying to earn God's favor?
2. What does it mean to 'rejoice in hope' when hope is often dismissed as wishful thinking in our culture?
3. If believers already have unrestricted access to God through Christ, why do many Christians still feel distant from Him?

## Interlinear Text

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δι' ἥτις καὶ τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἐσχήκαμεν τῇ πίστει εἰς  
By whom also G3588 access we have G3588 by faith into  
G1223 G3739 G2532 G4318 G2192 G4102 G1519

τὴν χάριν ταύτην ἐν ἥτις ἐστήκαμεν καὶ καυχώμεθα  
G3588 grace G3778 wherein G1722 whom G3739 we stand also rejoice  
G5485 G1391 G2476 G2532 G2744

ἐπ' ἐλπίδι τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ  
in hope G3588 of the glory G3588 of God G2316

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 2:18** (Parallel theme): For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

**Ephesians 3:12** (Faith): In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

**1 Corinthians 15:1** (Parallel theme): Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

**Romans 12:12** (Hope): Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

**1 Peter 3:18** (References God): For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

**Hebrews 3:6** (Hope): But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

**John 10:9** (Parallel theme): I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**2 Thessalonians 2:16** (Grace): Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

**2 Corinthians 4:17** (Glory): For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

**John 5:24** (Faith): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.