Hope for Bethlehem & Beyond

Text: Romans 5:1-2

Main Idea : Real hope is available in Jesus Christ alone which results in glorious blessings!	
<u>Justified by faith</u> – the act of God by which He declares a sinner just or righteous, not based on human works but through the finished work of Christ on the cross, which is obtained only through faith in Jesus!	
1.	You can be with God. (v. 1)
	• <i>Problem</i> : The of God is against the ungodliness & unrighteousness of men. (Romans 1:18, 3:19-20, Eph 2:3)
	• <i>Solution</i> : God sent His Son as a propitiation to His own wrath. (Romans 3:24-26)
	• <i>Certainty</i> : is something we can know personally for sure! (Rom 8:1)
2.	You can have to God & His grace. (v. 2a)
	• Jesus (gives access) us into the presence of God. (Eph 2:18, 3:12)
	 Jesus moves us into the realm of grace rather being "under the " (Rom 6:14)
	 Jesus ensures that we stand never to be moved.
3.	You can have a hope for future glory! (v. 2b)
	• A boasting hope that you are going to see the full of God & the Lord Jesus Christ! (Matt 5:8, John 17:24, Matt 17:2, 1 Cor 13:12, 2 Cor 3:18)
	• A boasting hope that you will ultimately be glorified! (Rom 8:18, 30, Phil 3:20, 1 Cor 15, 1 Jn 3:2)