

Every church and every person needs to have foundational beliefs that guide and direct life, decisions, direction, and processes. During 'Foundations' *The Church at Martinsburg* will examine the book of Romans and establish core doctrinal beliefs for life, relationships, and mission. This series more than any we've done before will set the pace and direction for the church.

**Growth Questions for 8/1 - 8/8**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. According to Romans 5:1-2, what three things result from justification by faith? How is peace with God different from peace of mind?
3. What qualities can we expect to be developed in our lives during difficult times? Define these qualities. Do you see a progression in verses 3-5? Explain.
4. What does it mean to "rejoice in sufferings"? How is this different from rejoicing *for* our sufferings?
5. What is the nature of unregenerate man's war with God? (v. 6-10) What does it mean to be reconciled to God?

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1. How would you describe your life before being reconciled to God? What does it mean to you personally to have peace with God? Take a few moments to thank God.
2. How can suffering produce perseverance? Can you think of a situation in your own life when a trial resulted in proven character? What attitudes might inhibit these results?
3. Verses 5:3-5 have been said to describe the process of maturing faith? Do you agree? How does knowing this process help you in your walk with the Lord? How might it help you to minister to others when they experience trials?
4. Knowing that we were weak, ungodly, and enemies of God before God reconciled us to Himself, how might this influence our attitudes toward others far from God? What is needed from you in order for others to experience the same peace with God?

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** – *Community Groups* are groups of people who come together on a weekly basis to promote significant Christian relationships that are centered around the study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Romans 8:29). Groups begin for the fall semester on Sunday, August 29, 2010. Groups are available Sunday through Thursday. Sign up outside of the theater – more information at [www.martinsburgchurch.org](http://www.martinsburgchurch.org).

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