

## CONNECT GROUP NOTES

### 'The package from heaven'

Reading: Rom.5:1-5 (look at it in the Message)

Look at the question and interesting answer that Jesus gave to his disciples in John.6:28,29. Belief is an integral factor in our walk with the Lord. *Why do you think that we find belief difficult?*

In the passage above, we find six remarkable gifts that God has given. We do not work for them - we simply believe in Christ's work and receive them. *Discuss cynicism*

- **Restored innocence**– all of our sin has been forgiven.  
Rom.8:1 – *why, then, do we still carry a sense of guilt?*
- **Profound peace** – penetrating and affecting everything.  
Phil.4:6,7 – *why, then, are we still so restless?*
- **Access to grace** – the ability to live life at a higher level.  
Heb.4:16 – *why, then, are we still struggling with life?*
- **Hope of the glory of God** – we are going to make it!  
Phil.1:6 – *why, then, do we still think we are going to fail?*
- **Purpose in pain** – endurance and character building.  
Jas.1:2-4 – *Why, then, do we still moan when life is tough?*
- **Overwhelming love** – saturated in order to affect others  
1.John.4:16 – *Why, then, do we find this difficult?*

'God does not simply touch us with His love; He pours His love into our hearts with the intent purpose of overflow. We become drenched, soaked, saturated, affecting everything we touch and everyone we relate to. God's love is transformational.' *What are the 'marks' of a man or woman of such love?*