

Petersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church

"Stand and Exult"

5-22-16

CTW: Psalm 96

READING: Romans 5:1-15

AGD: Tozer "In many churches Christianity has been watered down until the solution is so weak that if it were poison it would not hurt anyone, and if it were medicine it would not cure anyone!" *I Talk Back to the Devil*, 30-31.

Justified by faith—the great Gospel of Jesus Christ

"we have peace with God"

Through Jesus—justification, peace, introduction by faith into this grace

GRACE

We stand in grace

To be firm, to not waiver, to not look for something else, to bloom where you were planted

And we exult

In hope of the glory of God

But also in tribulations (because tribulations have benefits)

Tribulation→perseverance→proven character→hope (we've seen God be faithful)

Hope in God never disappoints

Hope in self, others, this world all disappoint but God never fails

CLOSE

See the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit

- God the Father loved in creating us then in giving us an unattainable way to be reconciled to a Holy God
- Jesus loved in serving and dying for us.
- The Holy Spirit loves us by being with us—though we grieve Him—He abides with us supply grace

Do we realize just how much God has done to and continues to do to save us?

- We don't save ourselves.
- Our part is a response---and it's a real response (belief, behavior, action, perseverance)
- But it is still a response proceeded, empowered and completed by the grace of a Triune God

So we stand in the grace given to us and we exult in the love of God Who gives it.