

Romans 5:3-5

Glory in Tribulations

1. 5:3 - Glory in Tribulations

- a. The treasures of Romans 5-8 set us apart (sanctification result: we do not fit in)
- b. *"and not only so"* - Added to the treasures of 'justification', 'peace', 'access', grace standing, 'rejoice', 'hope of the glory of God' is 'we glory in tribulations also'
- c. Tribulation ~def. Pain of pressure, distress, opposition; trouble from 'taking a beating'
 - i. See it described in 2 Cor 1:4, 4:8-9, 7:4-6, 1 Thess 3:3-4
- d. We do not pretend it doesn't exist, think it won't come - tribulation will come - Gal 1:4
- e. What sets us apart is not our lack of tribulation, but our unnatural response: glory.
- f. We do not muddle through or endure them; we glory in tribulations.

2. 5:3 - What We Know

- a. Why do we glory? How does it work? Where is the strength? Where is hope?
- b. We glory in our strength, but believers are strong in weakness - 2 Cor 11:30, 12:8-10
- c. *"knowing that"* - To glory we must know some things - faith, Christ, peace, grace, hope.
 - i. Knowing the scriptures - Rom 15:4, Col 1:9-11, Eph 1:3
 - ii. Knowing our hope is in the Lord (not ourselves, this life, security) - Phi 1:20-21
 - iii. Knowing our hope is future - Rom 8:18, 1 Cor 15:19-20, 1 Th 4:13-18
 - iv. Knowing the power of the Lord Jesus Christ - 2 Cor 1:5, 4:5-7, 10-11, 16
 - v. Knowing the mind of Christ - Phi 3:8-11, 4:6-9, 11-13
- d. *Why doesn't every believer glory?* A: Weak faith, won't acknowledge, misplaced hope

3. 5:4 - Work of Faith

- a. *"worketh"* - only when faith rejoices in hope of glory - Rom 5:1, 6:9-11, 1Th 2:13, Phm 6
- b. Tribulation → patience - Not merely endurance or perseverance (continuing)
 - i. 'Patience' produced because its origin is not you, but the hope/love of God.
 - ii. Longsuffering is what God shows in this dispensation of grace - 1 Tim 1:16
 - iii. An example would be 1 Thess 1:3, 2 Thess 1:4
- c. Patience → Experience - Not your own proven character, but joy of hope proven to you
 - i. Experience as confident assurance - faithfulness - Rom 14:5, 2 Tim 2:2
 - ii. Experience: faith proven in tribulation by ... 2 Cor 6:4-7
- d. Experience → Hope - Not our hoping, but the hope in Rom 5:2 which is in pain or peace
 - i. Hope ~def. The good we confidently expect to gain. Phi 3:7

4. 5:5 - A Sure Hope

- a. *"hope maketh not ashamed"* - Hope of glory is not a false hope, wish, "hope so"
- b. *"because"* - Our hope is sure and certain b/c of what we know - 2 Tim 1:12
- c. *"the love of God [grace] is shed abroad in our heart [faith] by the Holy Ghost [hearing the gospel of salvation] which is given to us [as our seal]"* - Eph 1:13-14, 2:8-9
- d. First mention of the "love of God" which nothing separates us from now - Rom 8:37-39
- e. First mention of the "Holy Ghost" by which we know our free gifts- 1 Cor 2:10-13, 3:16