

HOPE IN GOD

PSALM
43:5

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Message Title: Hope for the Hurting

Message Text: Romans 5:1-5

Introduction

Do you like suffering? I am sure you would say no! Most of us really struggle when we are facing the worst of life. It is difficult! Today, we want to consider the subject of finding hope in the midst of our hurt. That hurt may be self-inflicted but often times it is inflicted on us because of the words, attitudes and actions of others. Sometimes, we may wonder why God allows such things to happen to us. In our passage of Scripture, we will learn some of what God is doing in our lives when we are dealing with hurt and suffering.

1. The _____ of our Salvation (1-2)

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

DEFINITION—JUSTIFIED: declared righteous (*Romans 3:23–24*)

DEFINITION—PEACE: harmonious relations and freedom from disputes; especially during the absence of war.

NOTE — *The world and the wicked do not have peace. (Isaiah 48:22)*

NOTE — *Peace can only be had personal relationship with Jesus Christ by faith. (See Acts 16:31)*

A. We have _____ (5a)

Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand...

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DEFINITION—WE HAVE ACCESS: opportunity of admittance; an opportunity to have access to the presence of a superior; especially for speaking with the superior.

Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

B. We have _____ (5b)

Romans 5:2 ...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

DEFINITION—REJOICE: to boast; to show off verbally

QUOTE: Because of Christ, Christians eagerly anticipate the time when they will share Christ's glory, in contrast with their falling short of it now (See Romans 3:23). —BKC

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

1 John 3:2–3 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

2. The Sweet Side of _____ (3-4)

Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that...

DEFINITION—GLORY: to boast (show off); to show off verbally.

DEFINITION—TRIBULATION: distress (state); an oppressive state of physical, mental, social, or economic adversity.

QUOTE: The true Christian not only has a hope for the future, but he has confidence in the present trials of life. —Weirsbe

DEFINITION—KNOWING THAT: to be aware of a fact and understand

NOTE — While human suffering was not a part of God's design, He works at work through it.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

DEFINITION—WORKETH: to cultivate (prepare); to prepare someone or something for use; especially by working it (like soil).

NOTE — The sweet side of our suffering is knowing and experiencing what God is cultivating in our lives through the suffering.

A. Tribulation Cultivates _____ (3c)

Romans 5:3 ...tribulation worketh patience;

DEFINITION—PATIENCE: steadfast endurance; the power to withstand hardship or stress; especially the inward fortitude necessary.

NOTE — The connotation is brave, manly courage without discouragement or weakening. —Lenski

QUOTE: Good timber does not grow with ease; the stronger the wind, the stronger the trees.” — J. Willard Marriott

QUOTE: A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted. —Adrian Rogers

James 1:2–3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

B. Patience Cultivates _____ (4a)

Romans 5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

DEFINITION—EXPERIENCE: dependability; the quality of being proven to be dependable or reliable; proven character; trustworthy

QUOTE: When we persevere in tribulation we reach this tried condition of our faith, a glorious condition, indeed, which cannot be reached in any other way in this world of sin. —Lenski

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

C. Experience Cultivates _____ (4b)

Romans 5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

DEFINITION—HOPE: a confident expectation in God; to trust

QUOTE: As believers suffer, they develop steadfastness; that quality deepens their character; and a deepened, tested character results in hope (i.e., confidence) that God will see them through. —BKC

See Psalm 78:1–7; Romans 8:28

Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

3. The _____ of the Holy Spirit (5)

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.

Because of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit there is...

A. No _____ in our Hope (5a)

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed...

DEFINITION—ASHAMED: to dishonor; to bring shame or dishonor upon or fail to respect; does not disappoint; to humiliate

QUOTE: And how can this hope of glory, which as believers we cherish, put us to shame, when we feel God Himself, by His Spirit given to us, drenching our hearts in sweet, all-subduing sensations of His wondrous love to us in Christ Jesus. —JFB

B. No _____ in our Heart (5b)

Romans 5:5 ...because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

DEFINITION—SHED ABROAD: to be expressed; be poured out

Conclusion

QUOTE: Although tribulation is nothing but penalty for the wicked, it is used by God as a means for drawing the believers nearer to himself. —Lenski

2 Corinthians 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

