

Romans 5:1–11

“Rejoicing in Sure Hope that Comes through Tribulation”

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Why may believers rejoice in tribulation? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. Romans 5:1–11 prepares us for the opening portion of Morning Public Worship on the coming Lord’s Day. In these eleven verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that since our hope is in enjoying God’s glory and reflecting God’s glory, we must be weaned from delighting in earthly glory or reflecting earthly glory. And we rejoice in the sure love of our God even, and especially, when He uses troubles to do it.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 ▫ Read Romans 5:1–11

Questions from the Scripture text: By what have we been justified (v1)? What does that give us with God? In what do we stand (v2)? In what do we rejoice? What do we glory in (v3)? What does tribulation produce? What does perseverance produce (v4)? What does character produce? What does not disappoint (v5)? What has been poured out in our hearts? How? When did Christ die (v6)? For whom did Christ die? How does God demonstrate His love for us (v8)? What happens to us after we are justified by Christ’s blood (v9) and reconciled through the death of His Son (v10)? In whom do we rejoice through Jesus Christ?

Next week’s Call to Worship, Prayer for Help, Song of Adoration, and Prayer of Confession all come from Romans 5:1–11, so that we will see that we are singing God’s thoughts after Him with *I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow*.

This passage describes the Christian life, once we are made right with God (justified). It is a life of peace and hope and joy!

First, we have peace with God (v1). He is entirely for us now, just as He is entirely against wickedness. How did this come about? By reconciliation (v10–11). Enmity has been exchanged for peace. The death of Christ has ended our enmity with God.

But what about Christians who have trouble (v3a)? Especially the kind of trouble that the apostle would describe later in 7:13–24? It is precisely that trouble through which we receive the perseverance (v3b) and the character that produces hope (v4)! God trains us to rejoice already in those things that Christ has earned for us for the future (v2).

What has He earned for us? The very glory of God (v2, 11)! How can we be sure that we will enter into God’s glory? Because He has already justified us (v1a, 9, cf. 8:1). If when we were without strength (v6), and when we were ungodly, and when we were still sinners, Christ died for us (v8)... now what will God do for us?! He will strengthen us by His Spirit to kill our remaining sinfulness (cf. 8:12–17).

Here is an amazing truth: we are no longer without strength! We are in Jesus Christ. He has poured His love out in our hearts. His grace makes us strong in Him, with His strength instead of ours. Because we have none in ourselves!

We are now counted righteous in Christ! How much more will God do for us now?! There can be absolutely no doubt that He is completing our salvation. Therefore, we can rejoice in this hope, for it is sure.

Peace and hope and joy. Did you notice that all of them depend upon Christ’s cross and final glory? What don’t they depend upon? Our circumstances! If you are in Christ, then peace and hope and joy are for you—regardless of current circumstances.

What circumstances threaten your peace, hope, and joy? In whom are your peace, hope, and joy sure?

Sample prayer: Lord, we adore You for Your everlasting, electing love for us. How greatly You demonstrated Your love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! And now, in Your fatherly love, You give us whatever trouble we need to produce perseverance, character, and hope. Forgive us for when we murmur under Your kind providence. And shed Your love abroad in our hearts, we pray, by Your Spirit—which we ask through Christ, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP23B “The Lord’s My Shepherd” or TPH519 “I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow”

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Romans chapter 5 verses 1 through 11. These are God's words Therefore having been justified by faith. We have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ through them. Also, we have access by faith into this grace, in which we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

And not only that. What we also glory in tribulations knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance character and character hope. Now hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts. By the Holy Spirit who has given to us for when we were still without strength in due.

Time Christ died for the ungodly, For scarcely for righteous, man. What one die, yet, perhaps, for a good man. Someone would dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love toward us. And that while we were still sinners Christ died for us, much more than having now, been justified by his blood.

We shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his son. Much more having been reconciled. We shall be saved by His life than not only that. What we also rejoice in God through our Lord, Jesus Christ through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

So, for the reading of God's word,

Well, the one here has been justified That means been made right with God or given a right standing with God or made to be accounted righteousness before God, The one who has been justified through believing in Jesus Christ. As the glory of God promised to him, guaranteed them. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you not only have right now.

Jesus is righteousness counted for you, so that you are righteous before the justice of God as the glorified saints in heaven. You are as right just before the justice of God, as Jesus himself because Jesus is Himself, your righteousness. But not only do you have that but you are certain to come at last into fully enjoying God's glory and even you yourself radiating, refracting.

Displaying God's glory in you as you are conformed, to the image of his son. This is what you are predestined for, This is how you can. The only way you can come to be righteous before, God is those whom he for you. Those we chose and loved in Christ, deeply destined those.

He predestined, he also called, and you say, oh, God has made me love him. I'm one of those who love God and are called according to his purpose. And so the purpose of God and saving you is what has given you any love for God? No one has any real love for God, unless they had been made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

He said, those whom he forenew, he predestined to be conformed, to the image of his son and those who are predestined must therefore be called which is already happened justified. Which if you believe in Christ has already happened and glorified which has not yet happened, but as just as sure.

So you will fully enjoy God's glory and you will perfectly reflect that glory that you enjoy. Therefore having been justified by faith. We have peace with God through our Lord. Jesus Christ through whom. Also, we have access by faith into this grace, in which we now. Stand your loving him stands upon his grace, You stand upon his grace to love him and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Now if we have this guaranteed hope for the glory of God then we are going to ask Him for that. We are going to pray that he would give us the promised thing of which we are. Sure. What is prayer Sophia. Do you remember you know that enough to do that?

He has promised here. That's right. Thank you Prayer. Is asking God for things that he has promised to give. And so in a couple of chapters from where we are in Romans 5, he's going to talk about our suffering with Christ and being glorified with Christ and inheriting with Christ and is going to talk about those who have the first fruits of the Spirit groaning, and that the spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

And what does the spirit praying for in large measure it is that we would be glorified. What is the spirit train us to pray for, as we learn by God, teaching us from his word and by His Spirit more and more how to pray. According to his mind, we're praying that we would be glorified.

We're praying that we would receive that for which we, that hope in which we rejoice. We voice in the hope of the glory of God, but then we don't realize Some of the other things that we're praying for because

he says, not only that. But we also glory and tribulations Knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance character, and character hope.

So you say Lord give me the thing. I hope for and often the answer to that prayer is, of course here's some tribulation because the thing for, which we hope is something that comes through those troubles, frustrations, and sufferings, and persecutions, and difficulties, and pains and griefs through, which you get perseverance and the perseverance having to over and over and over and over again, rest only on Christ because I don't have any strength in me.

Rejoice only in Christ because there's nothing good in me. Apart from him, in which I may rejoice perseverance building that habit of having to depend upon Christ alone and delight in Christ alone. Our troubles produce perseverance because they keep sending us back and sending us back and sending us back and eventually that depending upon Christ and delighting in Christ, that happens through all of those repetitions of trouble, That becomes more and more our character perseverance, produces character and character.

Hope We've become. We come fully to enjoy him at the last. We come fully to reflect his character of depending upon him, delighting in him, especially at the last. Now hope does not disappoint. We know that it will not lie because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts.

You think of the, the image is pushed spread into every every corner giving full coverage, the old translation says shut abroad. You think of, you know, a poke cake that you're going to make and you've baked the cake and you've poked the holes. And now you've got the chocolatey fudge or the caramel or whatever it is and you pour it on until it enters all the holes and saturates all the parts and covers the whole top.

The love of God is poured out in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit, who is who has given to us. One of the main things that the Holy Spirit does for us, is he convinces us of the love of God and saturates our hearts with it. And then so verses 6 through 10 function that way, Just think about What God has already done for us while we were sinners, when we were not yet reconciled, when the transaction hadn't taken place.

And you weren't yet made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. He already loved you, he already gave Christ for you. Nobody would do this for for any wicked, man. That hardly do it for righteous man but God did it for you and you were a sinner because he loved you.

And if that's how much he loved you already, before he brought you by that, love into the state of reconciliation with him is his love less. Now that you have been reconciled? No, much more having been reconciled. We shall be saved by his life and not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord, Jesus Christ through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

So we have a marvelous gospel of the love of God for us, what the love of God has done what the love of God will do. And we are driven by the Holy Spirit and the knowledge of that love to ask for that, for which we hope. But let us not be surprised with the answer to that request as many troubles and tribulations and pains and griefs that send us flying to depend only on Christ because all else has been taken out from under us or to delight only in Christ because other comforts and pleasures are being removed from us.

This is the real Christianity. Not the Victorious. Life that has all its troubles removed but that hope that is the glory of God himself. That hope that is God Himself in the Lord. Jesus Christ. Oh man, let's pray. Lord, we depend so much on the comforts and creatures that you creations.

That you have given us. We're delight so much in them will help us have mercy upon us for We are in need of much perseverance training that our character would come to be one of, depending only an entirelyly upon you. Even as we use your means and delighting entirelyly in you, even as we enjoy your gifts.

And so we pray that you would give us whatever. You might, whatever is necessary. We know Lord from this passage, that it does mean trouble and difficulty, and pain, anything else, that you and your wisdom That might bring us through. And so we tremble to ask you for it, we ask you, not that you would give us trouble in discriminately, but that you would give us that for which we hope according to your perfect wisdom.

And that when it means trouble that you would sustain us in the midst of it, that we would have your grace by which to stand that we would have your love shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit saturating. Every part covering every corner that we would hope in Christ.

Know the greatness of your love for us that while we were still sinners, he died for us. And grant that by these, we might go through the trouble and be made like our Savior and his name. We ask it. Amen.