

“The Hope Of The Glory Of God”
Romans 5:2

Introduction:

1. Please Turn In Your Bibles With Me To:
 - Romans Chapter 5:
 - Read 5:1-5 - “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: / By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. / And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; / And patience, experience; and experience, hope: / And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us!”
2. We Have Been Looking On Sunday Nights:
 - At The “Points Of Hope” That God Gives:
 - To All Of His Children!
 - And We Have Already Considered Together:
 - Six Of These Great Hopes!
 - The Hope Of The Gospel!
 - The Hope Of Salvation!
 - The Hope Of Eternal Life!
 - The Hope Of His Calling!
 - The Hope Of The Promise!
 - And Last Week - The Hope Of Righteousness!
 - But As Great As These Hopes Are:
 - There Is Still One That Is Greater:
 - And Really Will Be The Source Of All Of These Others!
3. And This Hope We Find:
 - In Romans 5:2 - Which Will Be Our Focus For Tonight:
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God!”

* And The First Thing We See From This - Is That As Christians:

1. ***We Have A Great Expectation!***
 - And That Expectation Is This Hope!
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God!”
 - The “Glory” That Is Described Here Is:
 - The Brightness & Splendor Of God Himself!
 - So Many Of The Other Points Of Hope:
 - Have To Do With:
 - Our Own Nature:
 - And How We Will Be Finally Glorified By God!
 - As John Says In 1 John 3:2 - “We Shall Be Like Him!”
 - But This Point Of Hope:
 - Has To Do With:
 - The Nature Of ***God!***
 - And How - “We Shall See Him As He Is!”
 - God Is A God Of Glory!
 - And This Our Greatest Hope:
 - To Be In The Presence Of The Glory Of God Forever & Ever!
 - As Charles Gabriel Once Wrote:
 - In His Hymn:
 - When all my labors and trials are o’er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore,
Will through the ages be glory for me.
- Oh, that will be glory for me,
Glory for me, glory for me,
When by His grace I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me!
 - And This Is Our Greatest Expectation:
 - And Our Greatest Hope:
 - As A Christian!
 - The Glory Of God Will Be:
 - Revealed To You!
 - Isaiah 40:5 - “And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for

- the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it!”
- Now - Just What Is The “Glory Of God”?
 - A Few Years Ago - We Looked At This Topic:
 - In Depth - In Our Adult Sunday School Class!
 - But - To Summarize What We Learned:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Is The Visible Manifestation Of The Presence & The Attributes Of God!
 - Now - Today – In This World & In Our Lives:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Often “Appears” To Us:
 - At Different Times & In Different Ways!
 - Psalm 19:1 - “The heavens declare the glory of God!”
 - But Not All At Once:
 - And In All Of Its Fulness!
 - Exodus 33:18-20 - “And he [Moses] said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. / And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. / And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live!”
 - So - Like Moses - Our View Of God’s Glory Is Limited!
 - But We Are Given Hope!
 - Because - Then – In Heaven:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Will “Abide” With Us!
 - In All Of Its Fulness & Brightness!
 - 1 John 3:2 - “We Shall See Him As He Is!”
 - And What Will That Be Like?
 - His Glory Is Extensive!
 - Numbers 14:21 - “And the LORD said . . . As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD!”
 - Not Even The Heavens Will Be Able To Contain His Glory!
 - It Will Reach All The Way To The New Earth - To The Point That There Will Not Even Need To Be A Sun To Give Light!
 - Revelation 22:5 - “And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light!”
 - It Will Be The Light Of His Own Glory!
 - His Glory Is Extensive!
 - His Glory Is Enduring!
 - Psalm 104:31 - “The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works!”
 - His Glory Will Never Dim:
 - And Will Never Diminish!
 - **IE:** Even The Long-Lasting Light From These LED Bulbs Will Start To Dim Someday! But Not The Glory Of The Lord!
 - His Glory Is Enduring!
 - His Glory Is Excellent!
 - Isaiah 35:1-2 - “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. / It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God!”
 - His Glory Is Not Just Bright:
 - It Is Beautiful!
 - **IE:** It Is Hard For Us To Look At A Bright Light - Can Do Lasting Damage If You Stare At The Sun Too Long - Especially Through A Telescope - Need Special Filters - But With God - Our Eyes Will Be Drawn To His Glory! Won’t Be Able To Take Our Eyes Off Him! Won’t Want To!
 - His Glory Is Excellent!
 - His Glory Is Encompassing!
 - Isaiah 58:8 - “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward!”
 - His Glory Will Be Before You!
 - His Glory Will Be Behind You!
 - His Glory Will Be Above You!
 - His Glory Will Be All Around You!
 - Because You Will:

- “Dwell In The House Of The Lord Forever!”
 - His Glory Is Encompassing!
- And This Is Our Hope!
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God!”
 - It Will Be Revealed To You:
 - Some Day!
 - This Is The Great Expectation Of Every Christian! But Even More:
- The Glory Of God Will Be:
 - Revealed In You!
 - Romans 8:16-18 - “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: / And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. / For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us!”
 - Because God Is A Glorious God:
 - He Is Able To Glorify His People!
 - And Stamp His Divine Image & Attributes Deep On Our Hearts!
 - Now - There Was One:
 - Who Had A Taste Of This Glory:
 - In The Old Testament – Moses!
 - Who - After He Spoke To The Lord On The Top Of Mount Sinai - “The Skin Of His Face Shone!” (Exodus 34:29-30)
 - But This Was Only Partial:
 - And Did Not Last - It Dimmed Over Time!
 - But - The Glory That God Has In Store For:
 - His Children Is One:
 - That Will Be Complete & Will Last Forever!
 - Now - This Final Glorification Remains A Mystery To Us!
 - 1 John 3:2 - “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!”
 - If You Are A Christian:
 - The Glory Of God:
 - Will Be Revealed To You!
 - And The Glory Of God:
 - Will Be Revealed In You!
 - And This Is Your Greatest Expectation:
 - And Hope!
 - And - Romans 5:2 - We Can “Rejoice In Hope Of The Glory Of God!”
 - Which Leads Us To The Truth That:

2. ***We Have A Great Exultation!***

- When We Have The “Glory Of God” To Look Forward To:
 - Can We Do Anything Else Besides:
 - Rejoice?
 - “Rejoice” In 5:2 & “Glory” In 5:3 Are Actually Different English Translations Of The Same Greek Word:
 - Which Describes When A Person Keeps His “Head Up High!”
 - In A Sense - It Describes Someone’s Confidence:
 - And Even Boasting!
 - Now - Christians Do Have Something To Boast About - Not In Ourselves:
 - But In & Through Jesus Christ!
 - Galatians 6:14 - “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world!”
 - And This Is Exactly What:
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God” Enables:
 - Every Christian To Be Able To Do!
 - Because You Have The Hope Of The Glory Of God:
 - You Can “Rejoice In [That] Hope!”
 - You Can Keep Your Head Held Up High:
 - As You **Look For** The Appearance Of His Glory!
 - Colossians 3:1-4 - “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. / Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. / For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. / When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory!”

- Are You Looking For:
 - And Looking Forward To:
 - The Day When You Will See The Glory Of God In All Of Its Fulness?
- “Rejoice In The Glory Of God!”
 - But Also:
 - Because You Have The Hope Of The Glory Of God:
 - You Can Also “Glory In Tribulations!”
 - Romans 5:3-4 - “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; / And patience, experience; and experience, hope!”
 - You Can Keep Your Head Held Up High:
 - As You **Long For** The Appearance Of His Glory!
 - 1 Peter 5:10-11 - “But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. / To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen!”
 - Are You Longing For:
 - The Day When You Will Experience The Glory Of God In All Of Its Fulness?
 - “We Glory In Tribulations Also!”
 - With Your “Head Held Up High” As:
 - You Look For & Long For The Glory Of God:
 - It Will Keep Everything Else:
 - In Its Proper Place & Perspective!
 - Romans 8:18 Again:
 - “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us!”
 - We Have A Great Exultation As Christians:
 - Because We Have A Great Expectation!
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God!”

Conclusion:

1. Is This Your Hope Today?
 - It Is So Easy To Let Other Things:
 - Cloud Your Vision Of God’s Glory!
 - **IE:** As When Rain-Clouds Hide The Brilliance Of The Sun!
 - The Truth & Reality Though Is That The Sun Is Still There! In All Of Its Radiance & Splendor!
 - But - Even Now - When The Clouds Disappear:
 - It Is Still Hard For Us To Look:
 - Right At The Sun!
 - Its Just Too Bright!
 - 2. But When Your Hope Is Finally Realized:
 - And You Reach The Shores Of Heaven:
 - With Nothing To Cloud The Glory Of The Lord:
 - Will It Be Too Bright?
 - No! No Longer!
 - His Glory Will Be Just Right!
 - “For We Shall See Him As He Is!” (1 John 3:2)
 - 3. This Is:
 - The “Hope Of The Glory Of God!”

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