

## **Gospel Rejoicing with Patience**

**1. Rejoice! For the Gospel is Advancing (12-18)**

**2. Rejoice! For God's People Are Progressing (19-26)**

**3. Rejoice for Christ *Will Be Exalted!***

CONCLUSION: Jesus was forsaken to make us accepted. But He didn't stay forsaken, He rose and was exalted to the right hand of God. He is coming back and will be glorified together with all His people. Even so, we live now in the tension between the evil of this fallen world and Christ's unstoppable Kingdom advance. We will not be ultimately disappointed in this gospel hope. This gives us reason for great rejoicing even as we endure tremendous difficulty.

## Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

## Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

## Second Timothy 1:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Therefore *do not be ashamed* of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But *I am not ashamed*, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.