

Hope For The Hurting
Romans 5:1-5

Webster defines hope as: Desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment. To desire with expectation of obtainment: To expect with confidence: Confident expectation.

New Testament hope is the assurance of something that we have not yet fully experienced, and is quite different from the uncertain, wishful thinking of the world.

Hope is not just nice options that give us temporary relief, hope is essential to our survival.

Three truths about Hope

I. Hope Give Us Assurance Of Future Glory:

We can be confident of our future glory because of the present blessings God has given us.

A. We Have Been Justified: ¹Therefore being justified by faith:

B. We Have Peace With God: Verse 1b: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

C. We Have Access To God: ²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Because we have been justified and have peace with God we now can confident approach Him.

II. Hope Gives Us A Reason To Rejoice During Our Troubles:

Paul gives us three benefits of the troubles that we experience. The first benefit is:

A. ENDURANCE; Tribulation Produces Endurance (patience): Verse 3b. *Not only so, but we^[c] also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance*

B. CHARACTER; Tribulation produce endurance (patience) Endurance Produces Character (experience): Verse ⁴And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Adversity introduces a man to himself.

C. HOPE; Experience Strengthens Our Faith in Our Hope:

Verse 4 (NLT) ⁴ *And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.*

III. Hope Keeps Us From Being Disappointed:

Romans 5:5-6 5And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

What evidences do we Have that our Hope will not disappoint us.

A. God's Love For Us: Verse 5 *And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

Verse 8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- **The scope of god's love** – John.3.16
- **The strength of god's love** – Jeremiah.31.3 *The LORD appeared to us in the past, ^[a] saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.*

- The source of god's love 1John.4.8 *Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.***

B The Sacrifice He Made: Verse 6 says, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."