

THE HOPE OF GLORY IN US

Romans 5:1-5

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Good morning church! What kind of hope do we have in Jesus Christ and what does God wants us to do as Christians who live with an everlasting hope? In chapter 4 of Romans, Paul says that righteousness will be "counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." His resurrection confirms that His death was a sufficient and effective offering for sin, pleasing to God, His Father & Supreme Judge. Now, Paul draws out the conclusions of being made right with God.

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

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Paul connects God's hope:

- To our <u>JUSTIFICATION</u> and Peace (v 1)
- That gives us Access to the GLORY of God (v 2)
- To our Joy during our <u>SUFFERINGS</u> (v 3)
- As a <u>VERTICAL</u> Hope will <u>NEVER</u> put us to Shame (v 4-5)
- To the <u>HOLY SPIRIT</u> as the source who lives inside us (v 5)

"Corporate worship is designed to instill vertical hope where horizontal hope has been dashed." — **Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies**

3 Things Hope does:

- 1. Hope calls us to be <u>PATIENT</u>.
- 2. Hope gives us **STRENGTH** and **CONFIDENCE** to endure through our trials.
- 3. Hope changes our MOOD to be free from despair.

We place our hope and trust in the LORD! Our hope is in Jesus Christ, who is our "steadfast anchor of the soul". Now that's hope! As you worship God with other believers and hear the truths of His Word proclaimed, your hope will be rekindled.