

## REVIVE CHURCH-ROMANS CHAPTER 5:3-5

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**Romans 5:1-5** (NKJV) 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only [that,] but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Faith and hope are constant themes throughout scripture so we need to have a solid understanding of how they work together. According to **Romans 5:1** faith is how we are justified, **5:2** faith is what gives us access into this grace provided by Jesus Christ and how we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

We are purposed to glory, or rejoice in sufferings to the glory of God with hope that something beautiful is being produced in me individually and in the church as a whole.. **Wine comes when grapes are crushed, oil comes when olives are pressed.**

Let's look at how hope is produced in the believers life. We Are given the ingredients for true hope in this text and if we are 100% honest we do not like the ingredients. Maturity is costly and there is no shortcuts to spiritual depth and true character. **Let's listen to the ingredients again.** Tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character, and character Hope!

**Produces** is the action that happens through the sequence of events described by Paul. This is how hope is worked out, how it's fashioned.

- I. Paul is speaking to us about a subject he is very familiar with. Tribulations or sufferings Also translated troubles. This term Means pressure. The different pressures of life that press upon the Christian that have an intended purpose for our maturity.
- II. The pressures or tribulations produce **perseverance!**. The Greek word used means much more than endurance, **it means the spirit which can overcome the world, the spirit which does not passively endure but which actively overcomes the trials and tribulations of life as a victor**. The correct way for the disciple of Jesus to view tribulation is not as a helpless victim but as an overcomer who is victorious because of Christ victory. The believer who perseveres has Hope in the midst of suffering. This is how Paul could say while in tribulation **Romans 8:37** (NKJV) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
- III. This kind of perseverance. produces **character**. The Greek word translated character is the image of metal which has been passed through the fire in order to remove all

deficiencies. This is the place of sanctifying the believer. When affliction is met with a man of perseverance, he emerges out of the battle stronger, more pure, more Christ-like and nearer in intimacy. We are shaped or fashioned in the fires of difficulty. Perseverance produces character.

- IV. **Character goes on to produce true hope.** Two people can meet the same exact situation it can drive one of them to despair and it can spur the other to triumphant action. To the one it can be the end of hope and to the other it can be a challenge to greatness because their hope is connected to the person of Jesus Christ. Christian hope is initiated, nourished and sustained by His love being poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

It is impossible to live the victorious Christian life without true hope in Jesus Christ.

*“If you want to identify the hidden strongholds in your life, you need only survey the attitudes in your heart. Every area in your thinking that glistens with hope in God is an area which is being liberated by Christ. But any system of thinking that does not have hope, which feels hopeless, is a stronghold which must be pulled down.”* [Francis Frangipane, The Three Battlegrounds](#)

**Faith and hope are entirely connected, They are intended to work and mature together.**

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Hope is the joyful expectation of good, Hope and faith are different in that hope is believing something will happen in the future and faith is the gift of now released from a life that has stewarded hope. Your current level of faith for the miracle, the breakthrough, the purpose of God has a lot to do with how you have stewarded a daily commitment to living hopeful in every area of life.**

- Possessing the reality of hope supplies believers with the motivation to endure trials and hardships while seeing God’s eternal purposes.
- Faith grabs hold of God’s truths and applies them here and now. Active faith is fueled and grows as we live in, and hold onto, hope

**Jesus lived from the Presence of the Father while He walked this earth in flesh to disciple us on how we should live in His fullness. Jesus was anchored behind the veil, in the inner room of heaven and walked in perfect fellowship with the Father. He died for us and rose again so that perfect fellowship would be released in our lives who have committed to follow Him.**

**Hebrews 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup> This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, <sup>20</sup> where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Our hope must be anchored in the inner room with God.** *This is the place Jesus lived from when He was in our flesh. .If and only if my hope is set and secure in His presence and His eternal purpose, will I live a life on this earth with consistent hope.*

*Jesus our great forerunner set the anchor of hope in the Presence of God. Regardless of what is happening around us we are set and secure. But just agreeing with that will not give you freedom and it will not automatically ensure your stability in hope. This is a promise that is activated in our lives as we maintain fellowship in the secret place of the inner room and are washed by the power and truth of God's word until it has formed my reality. True hope is unlocked behind the veil. This is essential if we are going to live out our life of faith that brings Jesus to those around us. We will need to persevere and build a life in the presence of God in order to live in true shareable hope.*


**Romans 15:13** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*

**Hope is established in His presence and by the power of the Holy Spirit and overflows in the form of His joy and peace. If you have His hope you also have His joy and His peace.**

Paul said in **1Corinthians 15:3a-<sup>3</sup>** *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:*

**There is a key to Kingdom living. You cannot give breakthrough to someone else until you receive it first. We must be filled with, walk in, and be established in the Hope of God so that we overflow. It is in the overflow that others receive the substance of something that you have cultivated in fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You can only deliver what you have first received.**

**Faith is the substance of things hoped for**

- **We must keep our hopes up and live expectant in Jesus and His promises. Expectation is a characteristic that God longs to develop in all of His children. When we lose expectation or Awe of who God is and what He is capable of we are not prepared to receive what hope can bring and we do not have the substance of faith.**  Our hope is not when we receive the breakthrough our hope is in the person of Jesus Christ.
- **The invisible realm is superior to the natural! When we limit God based upon what we see, we consistently have misconceptions of who He is and what He is like, our faith becomes restricted and we are unbelieving, hope and Faith are not**

**circumstantial.** If I am consumed by a problem or issue and my focus is continually on what seems impossible, what did not happen (*disappointment*) then my anchor has been moved and I am not walking in faith. Living a life behind the veil makes us increasingly aware of Jesus.

*Hopeful expectation opens the door for the Kingdom of God to be released. **The power of God comes upon faith, in agreement with the word of God. The promises of Jesus are activated through our amen/agreement.***

In order to see God work in supernatural ways-in us and around us we have to be in an intimate, dependent, and obedient relationship with Him. He is the giver of true hope.

So often we do not expect anything and God allows us to get exactly what we expect. Come to Him in faith asking, seeking, knocking, with impossibilities, with disease and lies and ask Him to show up and do what only He can heal, restore, make new, empower.

**Psalm 25:3** No one who **hopes** in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

**Psalm 147:11** the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their **hope** in his unfailing love.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

#### Home group questions

1. Walk through the process of Hope. Take time to discuss the moorlands of each step and share personal testimony
  - Tribulations or sufferings (troubles)
  - Perseverance
  - Character
  - Hope
2. Discuss: *“If you want to identify the hidden strongholds in your life, you need only survey the attitudes in your heart. Every area in your thinking that glistens with hope in God is an area which is being liberated by Christ. But any system of thinking that does not have hope, which feels hopeless, is a stronghold which must be pulled down.”* **Francis Frangipane, The Three Battlegrounds**

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3. Discuss how you have learned to be anchored in hope behind the veil? What does this mean and what does this look like?

4. Spend time in confession and repentance of any areas of hopelessness and then pray over one another in hope.