

**Romans: The Power of the Gospel
Hope (The Gospel Transforms)
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Romans 5:1-11**

The central theme is: The power inherent in the Gospel.

Gospel = euongelion - good news (eu – good; angelion – message)

The Gospel is not good advice, it is Good News.

Our response to the inevitable sufferings of life takes two basic forms:

- Epicureanism

This particular response to suffering is called qualified hedonism.

- Stoicism

It means we see our suffering in the context of our future.

1. We glory in suffering to bring God glory.

2. Suffering is productive for us personally. (v.3-4)

It produces perseverance.

The Greek word here literally means, "...to remain firm under pressure".

It produces character.

Suffering produces hope.

He came to transform your life.