



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Peace That Produces Hope

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Highlighted Scripture

Romans 5:1–5

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance;

And perseverance, character; and character, hope;

And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does it mean to have peace with God – not just peace from God?**
- 2. How can suffering actually strengthen faith instead of weaken it?**
- 3. Where have you seen perseverance shape your character?**
- 4. What is the difference between worldly optimism and biblical hope?**
- 5. How does remembering that God’s love is poured into your heart change how you face difficult news or world events?**

Reflection Challenge

When pressure rises this week:

- **Pause before reacting.**
- **Remind yourself: I have peace with God.**
- **Ask: What is this producing in me?**

Instead of asking, "Why is this happening?"

Try asking, "What is God forming in me through this?"

Remember:

- ✨ **Justification brings peace.**
- ✨ **Pressure builds perseverance.**
- ✨ **Perseverance shapes character.**
- ✨ **Character strengthens hope.**
- ✨ **Hope does not disappoint.**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You that I am justified by faith.

Thank You for peace that does not depend on circumstances.

When trials come, grow perseverance in me.

Shape my character.

Strengthen my hope.

Fill my heart again with Your love through the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

