

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
*Romans*  
**Romans 5:1-8**  
The Result of Justification:  
Hope of Glory  
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**Hope: Assurance of Future Glory**

**Romans 5:1-8:39**

- A. Rom. 5:1-11 Hope: Assurance of future glory
- B. Rom. 5:12-21 Basis for assurance: Work of Christ
- C. Rom. 6:1-23 The problem of sin
- C. Rom. 7:1-25 The problem of the law
- B. Rom. 8:1-17 Basis for assurance: Work of Christ/H.S.
- A. Rom. 8:18-39 Hope: Assurance of future glory

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**We Rejoice in the Future Glory**

Romans 5:1-2 ESV Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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.**

- “Since we have been justified” = summary of Rom. 1-4
- “We rejoice in” = “joyfully confident in”

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### We Rejoice in the Present Distress

Romans 5:3-4 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that **tribulation** brings about perseverance; **4** and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, **hope**...

- Tribulation = Two types:  
1. Here and now 2. Eschatological age
- Proven character = dokime – tested and approved
- Hope = Faith in the future promises of God

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### Subjective and Objective Proof of Future Glory

Romans 5:5-6 and **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. **6** **For** while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

- **Subjective proof of our hope** = love of God in our hearts
- **Objective proof of our hope** = Christ died for the ungodly!

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### God's Supreme Act of Love

Romans 5:7-8 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us**.

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### Applications

1. We must learn to rejoice in our present sufferings because God is using them for our good.
2. We must understand that our afflictions are only for a short time compared to the afflictions coming upon the enemies of God.
3. Our hope of future glory is an assured hope, and it should be a focus in our thinking as believers.

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### 1. Rejoice in Your Present Sufferings

Romans 5:2 We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God  
Romans 5:3 We rejoice in our present tribulation

James 1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

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### 2. Our Tribulations Are for a Short Time

This Age → | 70<sup>th</sup> Week/Eternal State →

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials...

1 Peter 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

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### 3. We Should Focus on the Assured Hope

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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