

Gospel



THE GOSPEL AND PERSPECTIVE IN TRIALS

Lesson 20

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Romans 5:1-5

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

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.”**

~ Romans 5:1-5

**The hardships of this
life must bow to God's
greater purpose for our
life.**

“The gospel isn’t just one piece of news that fits into my life somewhere among all the bad. I realize instead that the gospel makes genuinely good news out of every other aspect of my life, including my severest trials.”

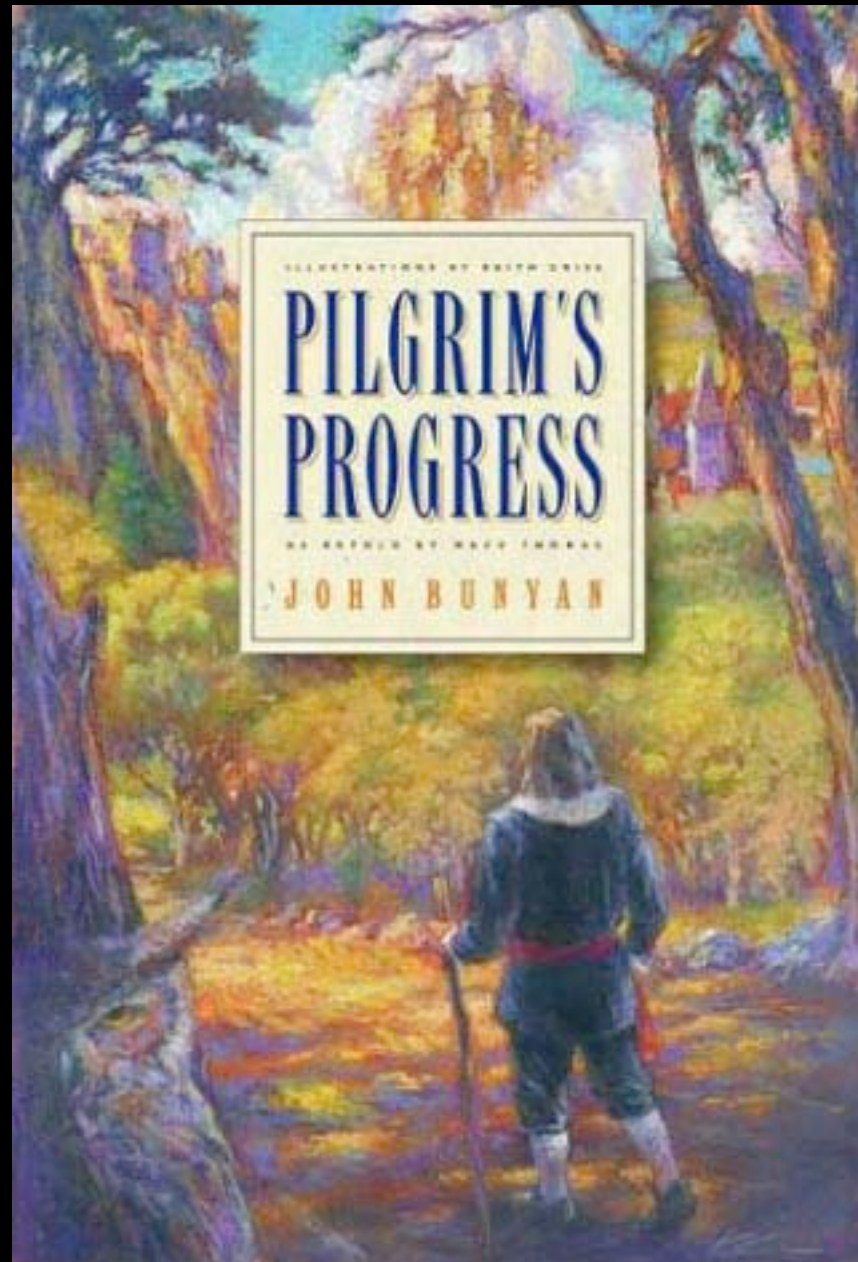
~ Milton Vincent

**I. Justification By Faith
Doesn't Mean, "Just
As If I Never Sinned".**

**“Oh praise the One
who paid my debt and
raised this life up from
the dead, Jesus!”**

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

~ Numbers 6:24-26



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II. Even Our Suffering Is Cause For Boasting!



**“Not only that, but we rejoice
in our sufferings, knowing
that suffering produces
endurance, and endurance
produces character, and
character produces hope...”**

~ Romans 5:3-4

“No sooner has the Apostle pointed to ‘the glory of God,’ as a light shining afar to cheer the believer on his course, than he thinks of the contrast between that bright distance and the darkness that lies around him here.”

~ E.H. Gifford

Quoted in, *The Epistle to the Romans*, Douglas Moo, Pg. 302

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result

**in praise and glory and honor at
the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**

~ 1 Peter 1:6-7

**“Count it all joy, my brothers,
when you meet trials of various
kinds, for you know that the
testing of your faith produces
steadfastness. And let
steadfastness have its full
effect, that you may be perfect
and complete, lacking in
nothing.”**

~ James 1:2-4

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II. Even Our Suffering Is Cause For Boasting!

- 1. Suffering produces
perseverance.**

“And these are the ones sown on the rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or

**persecution arises on
account of the word, they fall
away.”**

~ Mark 4:16-17

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2. Suffering produces proven character.

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3. Suffering produces hope.

**III. Your Hope Will Not
Put You To Shame;
God's Love For You
Assures You This Is
So.**

“...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.”

~ Romans 5:5

“This love is conveyed to our sensations by the Holy Spirit, who resides in every believer...what in the Old Covenant was external has been internalized in the New Covenant. And it is internal, subjective, yes, even

**emotional – sensation within
the believer that God does
indeed love us that gives
assurance that our hope will
not disappoint us.”**

~ Douglas Moo

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