Joyful Endurance – Rom. 5: 3-5

**Focal Truth: God’s people rejoice in trials, trials produce endurance**

What are some things that all believers have in times of troubles?

How do believers feel in times of trials & adversity?

Paul reminds the Roman Church that joyfulness produces endurance in trials

**Observations**

1. **In trials God’s people have peace with God having been justified by faith – 5:1**

*Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*

1. We have peace with God
2. We have peace with God being justified by faith
3. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
4. Saving faith in Jesus Christ puts us back in a restored relationship with Christ
5. Saving faith is placed in Jesus Christ alone not anything or anyone else
6. **In trials God’s people rejoice in the hope of the glory of God – 5:2**

*We have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we exult in hope of the glory of God*

1. We stand in our faith in troubles by God’s rich grace
2. We exult in hope of heaven beyond the times of trials
3. We exult in hope of God’s glory being revealed in our lives in trials
4. **In trials God’s people rejoice knowing that trials brings endurance – 5:3 – 4**

*Not only this, but we exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance, &perseverance, proven character &proven character, hope…*

1. We know tribulations produce perseverance
2. We know perseverance produces proven character
3. We know proven character produces hope
4. The qualities of perseverance, proven character, & hope are produced in times of troubles
5. **In trials God’s people are not disappointed God’s love is poured out in their hearts – 5:5**

*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*

1. We hopefully endure not despairingly surrender – Heb. 10:23 – Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful
2. We patiently continue not impatiently rebel – 1 Pet. 2:20 - if when you do right & suffer for it, you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God
3. We trustingly live not disbelieve God – 2 Tim. 1:12 – I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have entrusted to Him until that day.
4. We assuredly stand not spitefully complain – the love of God is poured out in our hearts. The Holy Spirit has poured out assurance of God’s love in our deepest, darkest, difficulties.

**Things to Remember**

1. Faith in Jesus Christ is based on trust in God’s promises
2. Joy is never dependent on our circumstances
3. Christlikeness is shaped in the fire of trials
4. Hopefulness grows as we believe God’s word
5. God’s love in our hearts protects from despair in long periods of trouble

**Daily Use**

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved in these days of trouble
2. Remind yourself of God’s promises of peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Stand strong in troubles look forward in hope to the days when all troubles are gone!