**Focal Truth:** Believer’s live in confident hope in all our trials.

***3****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;****5****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. (*Romans 5:3-5)

Paul is describing Christian Hopefulness in these verses. The Christian is the most hopeful person in this world; we have much to look forward to. Hope is an expectation, a confidence in the future.

 **Hopefulness vs. Hopelessness**

\*Purifies us \* absolute loneliness

\*Saves us \* complete exclusion

\*Exalts/boasts in the Lord \* feelings of despair

\*Joyful emotion, confidence, & expectation \* I am without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**OBSERVATIONS:**

1. Hope boasts with certainty in our eternal glory. (Romans 5:2)
2. Hope boasts with certainty in our trials. (Romans 5:3)
3. Hope boasts with certainty without disappointment. (Romans 5:5)

**God’s eternal love never ends! (1 John 3:1)**

*Seehow great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

**DAILY USE:**

1. When Christ is in us we have the hope of glory regardless of our trials.
2. When Christ is in us we have the hope of salvation regardless of the hopelessness of the world.
3. When Christ is in us we have the hope in His eternal love for us regardless of the disappointments of the world.

***27****to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* (Colossians 1:27)