

Exegetical Notes - Romans 5:1-5

“HOPE”

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Verses 1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God.

- “Therefore” ... This is the consequence of knowing that we are justified, not through works which we have done, but because of Jesus’ work for us, we are at peace with God.
- We stand justified because we believe that we are saved by God’s grace through Jesus Christ.
- We boast not because we are good but because God is good! He is all our hope!

Verses 3-5

Not only so, but we[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

- Our hope in God not only affects the outcome of our souls, it also affects our outlook on this present world and what we face in it.
- Even our sufferings take on new meaning in light of God’s grace. The assumption is that there will be suffering even upon the faithful. But through them (sufferings) Christians learn to hang on, to persevere. Even if we suffer in this life we cling to Jesus knowing he is our hope. We do not give up our faith. That perseverance builds character. Character is who we are. It is that which defines our core. And character builds hope. As we become more and more closely dedicated to Jesus Christ, our lives are filled

with hope. We grow to know that what we hope for in Jesus Christ, is certain!

- And our hope is sure. (Hebrews 11:1) While we hope for it, because we have not yet received that for which we hope, it is certain.
- We know that salvation from death and eternal life with Jesus is certain for those who believe because the Holy Spirit of God has poured out His love into our hearts. The verb tense is a past durative. It means that God has poured out his love and continues to pour out his love into the hearts of those who believe. He keeps filling our hearts with the knowledge that he loves us, and that knowledge changes everything.

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