

Romans 5:1-11

Joy in the Storm:
Suffering Builds Faith

Be Thankful and Give Praise to
God our Father and to His Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ

Are YOU joyful, are you thankful
Are YOU filled with peace and hope

How can we have peace with God?

V1- Justification by FAITH

V2- FAITH gives access to His grace
and we boast in Hope(joyful
expectation) of the glory of God

But wait.....

There's more.....

We get to boast in tribulations

θλίψις (*thlipsis*)

Press, crush, squeeze, oppress

V3- Suffering leads to perseverance

To be able to persist in spite of
“severe” difficulty, pressure, failure,
or oppression.

This is where satan works against
us the hardest.

Why?

V4- Because perseverance leads to reliable and authentic and tested character.

And this is the type of character that peacefully stands in hope (V2)

You no longer fear disappointment or the problems of this world.

You are at peace in God's love.

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil

V2- We rejoice in hope

V3- We rejoice in suffering

V11- We rejoice in God

With the knowledge of what God has done for us, we can rejoice & persevere in God through any trial.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may
abound in hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Job 19:25-27

But I know that my Redeemer lives,
And in the end, He will stand upon the
earth. Even after my skin has been
destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see
God. I will see Him for myself; my eyes
will behold Him, and not as a stranger.
How my heart yearns within me!

Matthew 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My peace
I give you. I do not give to you as
the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be afraid.