

The Divine Exchange - Romans 5:1-5 Our Benefits Package Part 3

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Growing up - My son Aaron loved watching Sesame street -

A)Started doing Voices - Kermit - Fossy bear - Miss Piggy - could do them all

B)Today one of the things he is doing in ministry Voice Acting - Stories of the Messiah

C)If you ever watched Sesame street - You remember: this episode is brought to you by the word

If this series were episodes of Sesame Street the first week - brought to us by the Righteous.

A)The First thing we learned about our Spiritual benefits in Jesus - Proclaimed Righteous

B)What that word Justified means in V.1 - Declared righteous - God sees you not in your sin/ In Jesus - R!

C)The Result of being Proclaimed Righteous in Christ - also meant -

1)Benefit #2 Jesus Provided Peace with God

D)So that was Episode One: Proclaimed Righteous and Provided peace

If week 2 were an episode of Sesame Street - that Episode would have been brought to us...Access

A)Because we have been Proclaimed Righteous in Jesus and we have Peace with God

B)Benefit #3 We have the Privilege of Access into God's presence.

C)Today is week 3 and if this were an episode of Sesame street brought to us by the word HOPE!

D)Benefit # 4 We have a Preview of our future.-
The Hope of the glory of God.

This is what Paul is telling us

A)Our salvation is anchored in the past because Jesus made peace with God.

B)Our Salvation is anchored in the present because we have Access to God continually.

C)And our Salvation is anchored in the future because we have a Promise of the Hope of the Glory of God!

Glory (doxa) speaks of a manifestation of God's true nature, presence, or likeness. -

A)When do we see that? - Heaven - We will see God in his glory!

B)The word Hope in the Bible is a beautiful word - not a wish - not a maybe -

C)The Biblical definition of Hope speaks of a confident expectancy

1)or the confident anticipation of that which we do not yet see.

D)J B Phillips paraphrased the believer's hope as "happy certainty"!

Like when I was a kid: My mom said that my dad would be home at such time: Watching the clock

A)Looking at the window - - listening for his car - Run out - Daddy is Home.

B)My dog does that now. - He sits a top this chair looking out the window - waiting for my truck

C)Soon as he sees it he jumps down and runs to the door! - Bouncing spinning - Go for a walk

D)If you are a believer in Jesus here today - that is the Hope and confidence we have in Jesus

E)Partakers of a Heavenly Calling - Our destiny.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ - You have the happy certainty that you are going to Heaven.

A)Christ in you is your Hope of Glory!

B) Paul wants us to know that is something to rejoice about - we **rejoice in hope of the glory of God**

C) The word rejoice literally means to boast - to feel joy or great delight,
1) combining ideas of jubilation and confidence into one phrase

D) that we might describe as "joyful confidence"

Think of it this way: Some of you might remember when you were a kid and your parents said

A) This summer - we are going vacation - Hawaii or to another state - visit your Cousins

B) Or maybe it was to a special place - Maybe it was Disneyland -

C) Or maybe it was you were going to get to go and watch your favorite baseball team in person -

D) Remember how excited you were: Remember how you would share your excitement with your friends.

1) You can't believe where I get to go this summer - so excited!!!

E) Counting the days

You were so excited - it was almost annoying to some of your friends -

A) Especially the ones who didn't get to go anywhere cool like that!

B) The Lord wants us to rejoice and live with that same kind Joyful confidence about heaven. -

C) But here is the caveat - we are not just throwing our future in our friends faces -

1) I get to do this and you don't - my parents are cooler than yours

D) No we get to invite everyone we know to join us!!!!

1) How cool is that - I am going to heaven and you can too.

Think about it like this: Let's say you were given an all-expense paid trip to Tahiti

A) And you could invite as many of your friends to come as possible -

B) How many of your friends or family members would you invite?

C) None - Tahiti is too small of an Island ☺

D) **Ok Australia - Hawaii** - Hopefully As many as possible!!! -RIGHT

1) **GUYS We are going to heaven - we get to invite everyone - to join us**

So we have this confident hope - We are going to Heaven - We are going to see God in his glory!

A) Now the apostle John says this about this Hope.

1 John 3:2 - **We are going to see Jesus - and we will be like him-** Imagine that !!!

B) JOHN Follows that with this: And **Whoever has this hope in him - purifies himself/herself - as he is pure.**

C) No longer living for Frivolous things - no longer living for our Flesh.

Realizing - there is more to life that simple living to satisfy our fleshly appetites.

A) Living with Eternity in View

B) The shortness of this life in comparison to eternity

C) God has put eternity into the heart of every man- Realization there is more

D) For unbelievers this life is as good as it gets..... believers this life is as bad as it gets...

E) Life without Christ is a hopeless end. Life with Christ is an endless hope

1) No one is hopeless who hopes in God.

Our Spiritual Benefits package is looking really good!

A) Proclaimed Righteous in Christ
Peace with God

Privilege of continual Access into His presence

B) Preview of our Future - Hope of Glory - We are going to Heaven -

1) We are going see Jesus in His glory and we are going to be like Him

C) BUT THERE IS MORE: ³ And not only that

Really there is more, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Benefit #5 There is a Purpose in our pain and suffering -we also glory in tribulations,

A) The word glory here is the same as the word rejoice in V.2 - To Boast with a Joyful confidence

B) Rejoicing - boasting in Tribulations - that sounds kind of weird if you ask me.

C) Especially when you understand that the word used here for tribulations is a strong term

1) that does not refer to a minor inconvenience - but of a real hardship

D) The/Leap/sis means to crush, the press together, (there is pressure) to compress, to squeeze

1) (I am being squeezed on all sides)

E) It is a word that is used of grapes being squeezed or pressed to make wine

1) Orange to make OJ

F) So This rejoicing, is not in tribulation itself - but in its effect.

Now I want to say that this is usually never the immediate reaction and it might be weird if it were.

A) You get in a car wreck and you are being rushed to the hospital -

B) no one is expecting you to be singing in the ambulance

C) Eviction notice - not sure where your family is going to live -

1) weird and maybe unhuman if you broke out into praise.

D) God made us to be emotional people. - Feel pain - he wants us to be real -

1) Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus - even though he knew he was going to bring him back to life again

E) Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4 - A loved one who knows Jesus dies - WE SORROW !!!!!

1) There is a time for mourning and sadness

God made us to show emotion - feel things - feel pain

A) And we should not be ashamed when we do. - Or be Made to feel lesser by others for being real!

B) But God doesn't want us to be controlled or ruled by our emotions either!!

C) So there needs to come a time when the dust is settled a little - time has gone by

D) Even though we might still be smack dab in the middle of the tribulation -

1) there is a shift in our attitude and perspective -

The sorrow becomes bittersweet - sorrow turns to Joy - and worry turns to worship -

A) we remember the character of our heavenly father

We rest in the Promises of God

B) Where we lean into the truth - knowing God is good -

1) and he doesn't allow anything to randomly come into our lives

C) So if he has allowed - this trial this tribulation to come into our lives - there is a purpose -

1) there is something he wants to accomplish

This is what Paul is referring to: knowing that

A) Knowing that - signifies a clear perception of a fact, and so means "to be fully aware".

B) That comes with time - and experience of walking with God -

1) I know this pain is producing something - There is a Purpose in the pain

knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

C) Paul gives us a 3 fold purpose in our Text - the Pressing, the squeezing, the tribulation is producing -

D) #1 Perseverance #2 Proven Character

1) #3 Hope

Start with Perseverance: also Known as Endurance

A) The Greek word is Hupomone - Love this word.

B) Hopomone = Perseverance or endurance is the ability to progress and move forward in spite of the adversity.

C)the Authorized Version it is usually translated patience; but patience is too passive a word.

D)Patience has the ability to stand up under adversity - wait it out

1)Patience is what I am doing when I going to the dentist -

D)patiently waiting it out - get through the procedure

But Hupomone does not describe the frame of mind where I am going to just grin and bear it

A)Where I am passively sitting down with folded hands and bowed head and letting a torrent of troubles sweep over me

B)NO It describes the ability to bear things in such a triumphant way that it transfigures them.

C)Hupomonē is not simply the ability to bear things; it is the ability to turn them to greatness and to glory.

This word is used of Jesus Hebrews 12:2 Jesus endured the Cross.....

A)On the cross - Jesus looked weak on the outside - but in the spiritual realm he was conquering

B)Conquering Sin Death and Satan -

C)He was conquering - He was transforming a bad looking situation into a great situation. -

D)That is this word Hupomone - Perseverance or Endurance - Why did He do that? LOVE

Paul is saying: We can rejoice in tribulation because God is using it in us - produce an Endurance in us

A)Take a piece of carbon - buried way beneath the earth service - extreme pressure - Diamond

The tribulation is being used to produce in us this ability to endure -

A)To progress and move forward in spite of the adversity - to overcome

B)The more you experience that - the less prone you are to complain - can't wait for this to be over

C)More Prone you are to lean into the tribulation - knowing - Make me stronger

D)Like doing a hard workout - you know - I am going to be sore for days -

1)But the muscle that is being broken down and ripped - so it can get stronger.

E)Like a tree that gets pruned - brings forth more fruit - our lives get pruned - More Fruit

Paul is saying the more we realize that - the more we learn to rejoice in the midst of it.

A)So the Tribulation produces endurance

2nd thing it produces is Character - literally Proven Character

A)Jesus who is in us - is having the opportunity to be worked out of us in times of tribulation

B)Paul the Apostle experienced this first hand - he had a tribulation that was on going - worst
1)He prayed - Jesus please remove this

C)Jesus response to Paul was no - I am not going to take that out of your life - Ongoing part

1)Here is why - Through that difficulty you are going to experience this truth

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

D)Jesus supplies us in times of difficulty with his grace - to bring out of us -

1)something that is not in us naturally -

E)His strength superseding our weakness

People see you go through that - and they are like - I can't believe you made it through that standing

A)Or I can't believe how Joyful you continue to be when going through such a difficult time

B)YOU are able to say: Not me - It is Jesus in me - His Grace is giving me strength

C)Paul experienced this constantly in his life -

A person who didn't know Jesus would say: Not again.

A) Paul's attitude was - Here we go again - How is Jesus going to prove Himself this time

B) Listen to Paul's attitude and how his character was shaped and changed - from take it away

⁹ ...Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10

So we learn to rejoice in the tribulation because we know God is using it to make us more like Christ -

A) The Goal Romans 8:29

B) God's desire is not to make you a better version of you - it is to make you more like Jesus

C) So we rejoice in the Tribulation knowing it is producing in us - Endurance

1) Building into us a Proven Character

3rd It is Producing in us a greater Hope:

A) The Assurance that God is working - **that he will complete the work that he has begun in you.** Philippians 1:6

B) The Assurance and expectation that Heaven is coming - See Jesus

C) This is what makes a Christian so different from a person that doesn't know Jesus

1) Hope - See things differently

Think of it this way: Our family had been marked by some adversity.

A) Back in 2018 my 22 year old nephew - died in an auto accident on I-5

B) He died on my Birthday.

C) His death - Has created in me a longing for heaven.

Here is what I mean by that!

A) Prior to that day - I never thought about my nephew on my birthday

B) But now I think about him every year.

C) I don't just think about him - I think about and wonder what he is doing right now.

D) My dad passed in Feb 2020 - Are they together - are they playing golf ?

1) Are there courses in Heaven?

E) I think about my sister LeAnne - I never got to me - I was too young - 4 days

1) Are they all together -

My mind will just start going off - How amazing heaven is going to be

A) Who I will see - See Jesus - that is our HOPE EXPECTATION

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Amplified: Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

6th and final Benefit in Romans 5:1-5 - The Perfect love of God has been poured into us

A) Poured out - speaks not of a trickle but a lavish outpouring to the point of overflowing

B) Which means you can never exhaust the Love of God for you.

C) Notice what Paul says here: Hope does not disappoint - shame us -

1) Because it is connected to the Love of God

D) God who loves us so much - committed to us-

Notice how Paul Frames this in the verses that follow

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled

to God through the death of His Son, **much more**, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only *that*, **there is more** but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 5:8-11

Paul continues to express the depth and greatness of God's love for us in Romans 8

32 He who did **not spare His own Son**, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

God didn't save you to leave you hanging - No Sir - He gave his best to bring you into his family

A)He is committed to you - bless you - work in you

B)Stand for you - strengthen you -

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns?

Satan

It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also

makes intercession for us. Advocate

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through **Him who loved us**.

More than conquerors - Hupomone

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:32-39

Poured into us- For the purpose of being poured out of us.

A)See ourselves differently

B)See others differently - hurting - compassion

C)See the world around us differently - lost - sheep without a shepherd

Want to Have hope of heaven

A)Ready to lean into God's plan for your love

B)Respond to His love