

fRomans: The Gospel

Glory in Tribulations

Romans 5:1-5

Diamonds - carbon/coal under pressure

Lab grown, yellow vs. Clearest under intense heat and pressure - "flawless"

[Pray]

<p>:1</p> <p>Therefore... Having <u>been</u> justified by faith</p> <p>Justified - just as if I never (legal!)</p> <p>Psalm 103:12-14 - As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.</p> <p>(read Psalm 103 later again for yourself) Justified / flawless</p> <p>What is the result of being <u>justified</u> by <u>faith</u>?</p> <p><u>Peace WITH God!</u> (not of)</p>	<p>And without faith, we are at war with God, <u>in opposition to Him!</u></p> <p>Spirit of the antichrist instead of, in place of</p> <p>faith in anything but Jesus!</p> <p>James 4:4 - Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.</p> <p>old 60's protest chants... <i>what do we want, peace!</i> <i>when do we want it? now!</i></p> <p>What do we get? <u>Peace!</u> How do we get it? <u>Jesus</u></p>
<p>But Jesus the Messiah ... OUR Lord</p> <p>He has to be YOUR Lord if you want His peace</p> <p>Your master, the one calling the shots, making the decisions</p> <p>If He's in your life, but you're making the decisions - you won't have peace!</p>	<p>Peace in a decision</p> <p>Many will say they have peace - but it's just a feeling</p> <p>Spiritual numbness != peace</p> <p>Antidepressants, alcohol, drugs, distractions</p> <p>false peace, shutting off of the mind - doesn't change the problem</p>

<p>How to get real pace? Know His Word - The Bible Trust Jesus through it</p> <p>then have peace no matter the storm</p> <p>Peace - eirene (Irene!)</p> <p>Root word means to join!</p> <p>Peace, God's peace, means united with Him</p> <p>We can't have peace and not be one with God.</p> <p><u>It's why we can't sin and be at peace if you're a believer</u></p> <p>If you're not a believer, the peace in your sin is just quiet before the storm, or blindness to it</p>	<p>Also mean: National tranquility, exemption from rage and havoc of war</p> <p>Sidebar: The world right now Iran, AI, Russia, China, Venezuela, our streets Get Twitter/X Things are heating up Tribulation before the Final/Greatest</p> <p>Additionally means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Harmony, accord between individuals ● of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is ● The blessed state after death (in heaven)
<p>:2</p> <p>Access by faith (not faith's effort, through Jesus)</p> <p>Faith is the <u>key</u> - Jesus is the <u>door</u></p>	<p>John 10:7-9 - Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep." All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."</p>
<p>What's on the other side of the door that we have access to by faith?</p> <p><u>Grace!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech ● good will, loving-kindness, favour ● Benefit, bounty 	<p><i>D. Guzik: "I spend more time praising God and less time hating myself."</i></p> <p>And it's <u>seated</u> in that <u>grace</u> where we have <u>standing</u> before God</p> <p>Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.</p>

<p>It's why we rejoice! (boast)</p> <p>When we're singing songs, and we're just going through the motions Not much rejoicing</p> <p>Maybe we've not made the connection</p> <p>Because when we realize...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what we've been forgiven of • Justified in spite of • Been granted access into... • relationship and oneness with God 	<p>...How can we not?</p> <p>Read Morning by Morning January 8th</p> <p><u>These things found in faith are the glory of God</u></p> <p>The mysteries of God - are glorious</p>
<p>:3-4</p> <p>We glory in the goodness of God and the way He works and forgives</p> <p>But we also glory <u>in tribulation</u> (itself)</p> <p>Phil 3:10b "...the fellowship of His sufferings..."</p> <p>Tribulations - this is not the GREAT(est) tribulation to come on the earth for a period</p> <p>Thlipsis - pressing, pressing together "Not minor inconveniences, real hardships" -Morris</p>	<p>Depths of the ocean - things being crushed by the pressure, shrunken down</p> <p>Submarine Hull must be very strong - and also pressurized internally</p> <p>The bends</p> <p>Winepress, or apple cider</p> <p>What comes out of your life under pressure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grape juice? • Pimple? <p>Pressure washing</p>
<p>We need to glory in the tribulations God allows in our life</p> <p>"Father filtered" The water in the pressure washer is at least filtered (remember, the world has trib. Too!, how would you rather go through them?)</p> <p>James echoes James 1:2-4 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking</p>	<p>Deep Faith doesn't come in shallow times</p> <p>Deep faith comes through trying times</p> <p>So why does God allow tribulation? 1 - That we might see Him more, know Him better (see how big He really is)</p> <p>2 - See what's really in us for ourselves, <u>flesh or faith</u></p> <p><u>Not to put us down, but to lift us up</u></p>

nothing.

2 Corinthians 12:9 - And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

God wants to be your strength in trying times

But we have to surrender to Him in faith

(even the surrender takes faith)

Not our way to get out of a problem

But His way, His time, His strength

Here's the process:

Trying time comes?

Glory in it. Rejoice in it (James 1)

Thank you God for this awful thing!

That's not usually our first reaction, is it?

Why do we thank Him?

Because in faith, we know He's allowed it

And in one way, **it's just another way to see Him do something amazing.**

Signs & miracles

Matthew 16:4 - "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Many times God wants to do a miracle - something impossible for us

But it's going to come through a tough time **His goal is not for us to see the miracle, but to see Him**

And like the father of faith, see him first, then the miracle

We're wowed by His glory long before the miracle shows up

*Hard times create strong men
Strong men create good times
Good times create weak men
Weak men create hard times*

**Glory in tribulations, why?
Knowing tribulations
serve a purpose**

And the purpose is not to destroy us!

Isaiah 42:3a- A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench;

Romans 8:31 - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Tribulation by itself makes us hard, bitter

Glorifying God in them makes us joyful, bright - compassionate

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our **tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

<p>The purpose of tribulation? Produce perseverance</p> <p>Tribulation is the 3D printer of perseverance</p> <p><u>You can't build perseverance if there's nothing to persevere through</u></p> <p>Even the body building world knows this</p> <p><i>Pain is weakness leaving the body No pain no gain</i></p>	<p>The world literally is patience, steadfastness</p> <p>Like a tree in a windstorm with deep roots</p> <p><i><u>Fruit Takes Time</u> I asked the Lord for patience He threw me into the waiting</i></p> <p>But it's not over yet, (yay...) just the beginning!</p>
<p>Glorying in tribulations > patience</p> <p>Then patience only works if we wait (in faith)</p> <p><i>Whistle while you <u>wait</u></i></p>	<p>When the waiting works - you get <u>character</u></p> <p><i>Kid's video games unlocking new characters Don't become a Looney Toon</i></p>
<p>To recap...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● faith tried by tribulation ● in glory ● and waited on in patience ● give us character <p>Character? <u>Experience!</u></p> <p>Approved, specimen of tried worth</p>	<p>Do you want to be a pro Christian? A mature Christian?</p> <p><u>You gotta go through things! patiently, glorifying God in it</u></p> <p>It's why the church is weak - we don't want to endure anything!</p> <p>Or if we do through tribulations, we don't glorify God and just let them make us bitter</p>
<p>Because we've forgotten what this life is all about</p> <p>Having faith in Jesus To know Him and make Him known</p>	<p>Believing now in faith what we'll only know then, after</p> <p>Faith before, experience after</p> <p>It's the concrete of our foundation</p>

<p>And what does the faith tried by tribulation in glory and waited on in patience produced experience give us?</p> <p><u>HOPE</u></p> <p>Literally, expectation of good</p>	<p>Real, actual, true hope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not the hope someone has when playing the lottery • Not the hope someone has that the movie star will marry them
<p>Why is our hope different?</p> <p>Because we've actually experienced God's goodness the whole way through.</p> <p>We've seen, heard, experienced heaven when without Jesus it would have been hell</p> <p>1 Peter 3:15 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;</p> <p>The reason for the hope that is in you</p> <p>If you've gone through something hard (even if only your salvation experience) That's something <u>solid</u> to share</p>	<p>It's not made up, simply academic.</p> <p>It's real, hard, proven fact</p> <p>And it's meant to be given away because you'll never lose it.</p> <p>You'll always have it to hold on to Because the hope you have is in an eternal being, undefeated by the most hopeless thing - death</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.</i></p>
<p>:5</p> <p>Hope that doesn't disappoint!</p> <p>If you're disappointed in your tribulation you haven't gotten through it all yet</p> <p><i>If it's not beautiful, God's not done with it yet</i></p> <p>Why is this hope so good? Because it's the funnel for God's love</p> <p><u>The more we hope in God</u> <u>The more we know His love</u></p>	<p>And it takes away pain of the trial</p> <p>Psalm 23:5 - You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.</p> <p>And <u>who</u> pours out that love? Who <u>directly</u> ministers to us?</p> <p>God didn't send an angel to do it...</p> <p>Himself, His Holy Spirit The Comforter</p>

<p><i>D. Guzik - "This is how God's love is communicated — through the Holy Spirit. A lack of awareness of God's love can often be credited to a failure to be constantly filled with the Holy Spirit and to walk in the Spirit."</i></p> <p><i>"Every Christian should have some experience of this, to have a deep inner awareness of God's love for us."</i></p> <p><i>"Romans...Right thoughts [about God], right experiences [with Him]"</i></p>	<p>Have you experienced it Christian? God wants you to KNOW He loves you.</p> <p>See? It's all to point us to Him</p> <p>Bring us closer to Himself</p> <p>Reveal Himself more <u>to</u> us And <u>through</u> us</p>
<p>This is the fellowship of the Spirit This is the Christian life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not works. • Not woe-is-me trials • Flogging of ourselves in false piety • A work of making our own lives hard • But when hardship comes, glorying 	<p>But glorying in tribulation</p> <p>Producing patience Producing characters of experience Producing real, solid, unstealable hope Opening the floodgates of God's love on us Intimately, personally, internally -</p> <p>despite the circumstances</p> <p>By God Himself</p>
<p>Peace with God United with God</p> <p>Not through outward blessing, name it, claim it, prosperity movement</p> <p>But through peaceful, patient, worshipful glorying in God</p> <p>Because this life is just one trial after another with sometimes a quick breather, sometimes not</p> <p>We go from "<u>faith to faith</u>" (Rom 1:17) because we go from <u>trial to trial</u></p>	<p>So believer...are you in a trial?</p> <p>Tribulation? Awful time? Pressing? Stress filled? Anxious? Worrisome? Dark time?</p> <p><u>Glory in it.</u> Thank God for it. Praise Him.</p> <p><u>Then watch and wait, and endure and overcome</u> (Revelation).</p> <p>And when it's over, you'll have a real precious diamond of hope for your heavenly crown</p>