

## Romans 5: 3-5 We glory in tribulations.

- One of the keys in looking at this verse is the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 words: "And not only so..."
- What is so? Romans 5:1-2 (Peace with God, Access to Grace, Hope of Glory)
- All that's good stuff, it's all positive, it's stuff that makes us smile...
- And Paul says, "And not only so..."
- That's not the whole story... Vers 1-2 is the Christian life (Explain),
- But Paul says "Not only so!"  
"We Glory in Tribulations!"
- John 16:33: When Jesus was in the Garden speaking to his disciples... You talk about the Promises of Jesus...  
"In the world, ye shall have tribulation..."
- Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey
  - Antioch - 13:44-45, 50
  - Iconium - 14:2, 5b
  - Lystra - 19-20
  - Derbe - Waukegan vs 20 They went back
- vs 22 - (TRIP)
- Much tribulation... not a little, but much
- Our text Romans 5:1-2, It's plural we glory in tribulations
- MUCH TRIBULATION
- On our way to the Kingdom of God, there's gonna be much tribulation, yes
- But Paul said, we'll glory in them...

vs 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples --  
- Lystra, Iconium, Antioch -- Even though they  
we hated and made to look like they were  
evil, and even stoned -- they had some fruit  
there -- There were souls that believed --

There some that were saved --  
Paul said, "I became all things to all men so  
that by all means, I may win some."

All means → ? → It means, whatever it takes --  
I'll do whatever it takes, but I'm <sup>going</sup> win some  
for Christ --

- And we'll give all the glory. That's how we're gonna  
glory in tribulations --

- In other words, there's seed that comes from  
trials & tribulations --

- It may not be anything the world deems good --

- But God allows us to go through things  
for a reason --

- There's no hesitancy to God's plans --

- Just the fact that it's God that's allowed  
us to go through it is reason enough to glory --

- Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, thou art with me --

- If God is leading us, then it doesn't matter what tribulation, trouble, trial, if God is at the helm, then he is with us... and that's enough to glory in right there.

- If God is not with you... If you find yourself in a place where God is not... then it wasn't God that led you there... You led yourself there...

- But if it's God that's in the lead, then tribulation will yield the will of God and fruit of God.

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KNOWING, not guessing or hoping...

We can know some things about Tribulation...

# Tribulation without Patience.

- Key to what Trib. is.

- If trib. without Patience, then that tells us that TRIB is not having what you want when you want it...

- That's Part of TRIB. Why does my circumstance have to be this way, I want it changed (Now!) We can't seem to have to be patient...

Y'all's gonna have to wait... waiting is Good... (Horse → respect begins when we made her wait!)

We're living in a day & age of instant gratification / Shish / We tribulation...

- It's not normal to wait. It's not normal to want God & his provision.

- Look at Abraham... waited on God till the end... And God provided.

- If Abraham would have turned around and went back down the mountain, he'd never have seen the powerful promises of God; would have never known them.

- I know it's kind of a drastic example...

➔ But we're talking about patience... People want what they want & they want it now.

- They don't want to wait in line. They don't want to save up for it. They don't want to take time to learn. They don't want to work their way up. They don't want to try. They want it now...

- Why? NO PATIENCE. No patience because they haven't practiced it... They've endured NO tribulation. The 1<sup>st</sup> sign or scar of trouble they bail. I don't want to be uncomfortable... I don't want to be stressed or distressed or put in an undesirable situation. This is too inconvenient for me so forget it....

- I don't want tribulation, I want gratification...  
- Therefore patience will never be wrought...  
NO TRIB, NO PATIENCE.

- Being Patient, means enduring Tribulation, it means outlasting Tribulation...
- It's a staring contest with the trials + tribulation of this world. He who moves 1st loses...
- Patience is, waiting on the LORD...
- CALCULATE + MOVE → Least amount of Trib + Do THAT...

### vs 4 'And Patience, Experience?'

- It's understood that Patience works Experience...
- A lot of Patience gives us ~~that~~ the valuable fear of Experience...
- A lot of Pat. → A lot of Trib...
- A lot of TRIB → EXPERIENCE...

### → Thus we substitute for Experience...

- Experience means you've seen it...
- 20 years of fabricating Experience...
- For 20 years I've cut metal, hand milled, weld milled, ground + polished metal. Drill Metal, punch metal...
- For 20 years I've created things. I've turned people ideas into a reality.
- Solved problems with metal parts.
- Bro 20 yrs, 40 yrs my Dad...
- He do together to figure something out were got 80 years of experience to draw from to get things done...

- Now if you got someone with only 6 months of  
Practical experience... You're not going to get the  
job done as well... (Not perfect)

- With experience come intuition. You can smell a  
bad idea a mile away. ~~Why?~~ Why? Because you  
recognize the smell... You've seen it before, you've  
done it before. You've failed before... You've  
learned. You have experience.

- Likewise, when tribulations come ~~by~~ the will of  
God, you know when to hold tight. You know  
to throw out the anchor. You know to wait on  
the LORD. You know that it's no good to  
trust man. You know that it's no good to  
trust yourself. ~~That's why you don't~~ You don't look  
everywhere for a solution because you know God's  
got the solution on the way.

- That's why you don't tell anybody your problems  
because you've already told the LORD... and  
you know, he'll bring the solution.

- You know because you've done it before. You  
were patient before and God provided. Therefore  
what God has done before, he can do some more.

Experience says, "Trusting God has worked in the past. Nudging on the Lord has worked in the past. I think I'll try that again."

vs 4)

And ~~the~~ Experience, hope -

Now Roman, hope is NOT just desire."

It's the desire, ~~and~~ and patient anticipation of an expected end.

Hope is not when we ~~set our eyes on~~ set our hearts on what might or can happen.

It's when we set our hearts on what will happen...

Experience gives us hope. Experience tells us where to place our hearts. Experience allows us to know that we know that we know that we know that God will take care of us..

Experience takes the uncertainty out of tribulations and replaces it with hope & hope is a certainty that God will bring it to pass.

When God gives us Hope, He is giving us a surety that he's got the situation in his hands. And you won't come out worse than when you came in...

vs 5 And hope makes us not ashamed...

Hope won't let you down...

- In other words, if you can get to the hope stage of tribulation, then the victory is already won...
- Your hope is in God, and God will not disappoint. God will not let you down.
- (Psalm 121 Read)

Repeat:

vs 5 Because...

This is another key to understanding hope...

- For every person that says that God will not let you down
- There's one out there that'll say the opposite (~~IS PRAYING~~)
- When hope makes us ashamed, when hope doesn't work or doesn't pan out, if it disappoints, then hope is no longer hope...
- That means there's something wrong...  
(The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the verse)  
It's not so, there's love  
(The 1<sup>st</sup> part is not so)



- And that's what I've been trying to say...

- "You can desire..."

If the love of God is NOT shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit,

- then hope is no longer hope, and all you have left is DESIRE.

- And Desire is not going to cut it. Desire will not get the job done...

- "Because the love of God..."

- What is this love?

- vs 8

- It's the cross of Calvary...

- Here's the lesson...

- In order for trib → pain → exp → hope...

- MUST BE SAVED...

The Lesson is in the word WE

We glory in tribulations.

God's people, saved, called, the church, the ekklesia, called out assembly, WE glory in tribulations, they don't → The World...

That's why WE can sing the song, 'My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood + righteousness...'

I don't trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name.

→ Once you realize that God doesn't owe you anything, then you'll thank him for everything.

→ So once again, it comes down to Salvation.