

## And HOPE does NOT Disappoint ~ Romans 5:3-5

→Scripture Reading Rom. 4:25, 5:1-5

### Rejoice in our Suffering? ~ Romans 5:3-5

<sup>2</sup> ...And we REJOICE in the HOPE of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

**Hebrews 12:11** (NIV) No DISCIPLINE seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been TRAINED by it.

<sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> AND hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

The difficulties of life are not random, meaningless, or wasted when we are TRUSTING God. Our HOPE needs to GROW and DEVELOP with the rest of our spiritual being. Rejoicing during suffering will increase our endurance and strengthen our overall character, leading to a more mature HOPE. LAB

### IMPLICATION

#### →WHY should we REJOICE in our Suffering?

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>Jesus PROMISED we would Experience TRIALS and STRUGGLES

**John 15:20** (NIV) Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is GREATER than his master. If they PERSECUTED ME, they WILL persecute you also...

**John 16:33** (NIV) I have told you these things, so that in ME you may have PEACE. In this world you WILL have trouble. But take heart. I have OVERCOME the world.

>Teaching on Suffering was Common in Early Church

**James 1:2-4** (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be MATURE and complete, not lacking anything.

**1 Peter 4:19** (NIV) So then, those who SUFFER according to God's will should commit themselves to their FAITHFUL Creator and continue to do good.

## →We REJOICE in Suffering because of WHAT we KNOW

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also **REJOICE** in our sufferings, because we **KNOW**...

We REJOICE in suffering, not because we like PAIN or deny its TRAGEDY, but because **WE KNOW** God is using life's difficulties and Satan's attacks to **BUILD our character**. LAB

## →God has Poured out His LOVE on us by the Holy Spirit

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## TAKE AWAY ??

### →Because God is Sovereign there is ALWAYS HOPE during our Suffering

Jeremiah was able to place his (and Israel's) affliction in **proper perspective** by remembering how it related to God's character and His covenant with His people. Judah's afflictions were not cruel acts of a fickle God who delighted in inflicting pain on helpless people. BKC

**Lamentations 3:21-23** (NLT) Yet I still DARE to HOPE when I remember this: <sup>22</sup> The faithful love of the LORD never ends. His MERCIES never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is His FAITHFULNESS; His MERCIES begin afresh each morning.

**Hebrews 12:2-3** (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will NOT grow weary and lose heart.

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