

## Our Greatest Hope

Reference: **Romans 5:1-6**

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***Our Greatest Hope, is our great \_\_\_\_\_.***

1. In order to see life's bigger picture we must:
  - a. Stop looking at life from our \_\_\_\_\_ point of view.
  - b. Start looking at it from God's \_\_\_\_\_ point.

2. Our points of view are limited. Limited by our:

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*"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"- T.S. Eliot*

3. If we get to know the God who made us, if we look at life from God's vantage point and if we have a relationship with Christ Jesus, then our GARGANTUAN issues will seem \_\_\_\_\_ because our perspective will become wider.

**Romans 5:2-5**, *"through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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."*

4. Look at the claim that the Bible is making here:  
We hope in God's glory therefore we can \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

5. How are you suffering? What has you in agony? What thorn is in your side? Have you brought it upon yourself? Are you a victim of circumstance? Is your suffering a consequence of your own sin?

**Romans 5:2-3**, "...rejoice in \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations..."

6. The word hope [ἐλπίδι elpidi] in Romans 5:2 does not mean \_\_\_\_\_, it means to expect for \_\_\_\_\_!

The passage is not saying – We rejoice (\_\_\_\_\_) for the glory of God. The passage declares – We rejoice (expecting for \_\_\_\_\_) the glory of God

**Romans 5:2-3** is stating that we rejoice (expecting for certain) God's glory. And not only that, we \_\_\_\_\_ in tribulation.

7. To glory in tribulation does not mean you mask pain with \_\_\_\_\_ smiles

The word glory [καυχώμεθα (kow-khah'-om-ahee)] in Romans 5:3 means:

- to live with your "\_\_\_\_\_ up high"
- to live with a \_\_\_\_\_-given confidence.

**Romans 5:2-3**, "*We rejoice in (expecting for certain) the glory of God. And not only that, but we also (hold are heads up high w/God given confidence) in tribulation.*"

## Getting to Know Christ More

ADVOCATE: (1 John 2:1)

ALMIGHTY: (Revelation 1:8)

AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION: (Hebrews 5:9)

COUNSELLOR: (Isaiah 9:6)

CREATOR: (John 1:3)

IMAGE OF GOD: (2 Corinthians 4:4)

IMMANUEL God with us: (Isaiah 7:14)

JESUS God Saves: (Matthew 1:21)

THE JUST ONE: (Acts 7:52)

THE LIFE: (John 14:6)

LORD OF ALL: (Acts 10:36)

MAN OF SORROWS: (Isaiah 53:3)

ROCK: (1 Corinthians 10:4)

THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS (Hebrews 1:2)

THE FIRST BORN FROM THE DEAD (Revelation 1:5)

HOLY ONE (Acts 3:14; Psalm 16:10)

JUDGE: (Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:8)

WORD OF LIFE: (1 John 1:1)

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: (John 8:12)

TRUE GOD (1 John 5:20)

DELIVERER: (Romans 11:26)

SAVIOR: (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11)

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS: (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16)

### Our Greatest Hope, is our great GOD

*Knowing Jesus, knowing what He has done and taught, knowing how much Christ suffered for our benefit increases our ability to rejoice (hold our heads up w/God given confidence) in the face of tribulation*