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“WHY - I HAVE HOPE”

Part 2

Romans 5:1-8 - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



“THE 5 RINGS OF HOPE”

1st The Ring of Faith

Romans 5:1 - Therefore since we have been justified through FAITH, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2nd The Ring of God’s Bigness

Romans 5:2 - Through whom we have gained access by faith into his grace by which we stand. And we boast in the HOPE of the GLORY of God.

Psalms 77:12-15 -

“I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God?

You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.

With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

3rd The Ring of Process

Romans 5:3-4 - Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Psalms 27:13 - I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Psalms 42:11 - Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Savior and my God.

4th The Ring of Shame-Free Living

Romans 5:5 - And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

5th The Ring of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

James 4:17 - If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.