

Victorious Faith
Reference: **Romans 5:1-5**
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Reference: **Hebrews 13:6** (see screen)

The book of Romans was written by the apostle Paul to the church in Rome in about AD 57.

One commentator said that Paul had three objectives in writing this epistle:

1. to teach the fundamental doctrine of _____ to fortify believers against their enemies;
2. to explain the unbelief of Israel and vindicate the _____ of God in his dealing with Israel; and
3. to give _____ concerning Christian living in the society of his day.

Today we are going to look at this passage in 3 ways, first we will break this passage down into two sections and look at those sections in detail, second we will extract some of the principles that are being taught, and third we will identify some application for our lives.

PASSAGE EXPOSITION:

Romans 5:1-2 (see screen)

References: **Romans 3:21-26; 3:27-31; 4:5-8; 4:23-25** (see screen)

The “*therefore*” conjunction in our Passage essentially means those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ have _____ with God.

References: **Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:17-18; 2:8; Acts 4:12**

When a person puts their trust in Jesus Christ as the only one who can save them, which He is...

- we receive _____ with God or are freed from His wrath to come
- we are given _____ to God by that same faith
- we are given the reassurance of God’s promises, the _____ of the glory of God which we are to rejoice in.

As Christians, our **faith in Jesus Christ** should triumph over all our _____.

Reference: **Zephaniah 3:17** (NIV) (see screen)

God's rejoicing in us today gives us _____ for tomorrow.

References: **Isaiah 65:17-19** (see screen)

Romans 5:3-5 (see screen)

Paul says "not only that" meaning not only have we been justified by faith, not only do we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, not only do we have access to God, not only do we have the assurance of God's grace, and not only do we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God but **we also glory in** _____.

References: **Matthew 5:12; Isaiah 26:3** (HCSB) (see screen)

Perseverance means "maintaining Christian _____ **through the trying times of life.**"

A person's character is their _____ and _____ qualities.

Reference: **Titus 2:14**

Hope is a "trustful _____, particularly with reference to the fulfillment of God's promises. Biblical hope is the anticipation of a favorable outcome under God's guidance.

More specifically, hope is the _____ that what God has done for us in the past guarantees our participation in what God will do in the future. This is in contrast to the world's definition of hope as "a feeling that what is wanted will happen."

Reference: **Galatians 6:9**

Proposition:

Christians have been **justified** by faith, we have **peace with God**, we have **access to God**, we have the **assurance of God's promises** and therefore...

Principle One is: We should _____ in our faith.

Reference: **Isaiah 61:10**

Application One:

- _____ your relationship with God and ask yourself, "Do I trust in God and the assurance of His salvation?"

If you do trust in God and the assurance of His salvation you need to _____ often, _____ **your Bible** and **be** _____ for that.

If you do not, then you need to pray often, read your Bible, and _____ to God your lack of faith.

- Look at the _____ in your life.
- _____.

Principle Two is: We should _____ _____ in the faith.

Reference: **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** (see screen)

Application Two:

- _____ yourself
- Be _____ **to God**
- Get your family or friends to help hold you _____
- Get _____ in something new, to increase your service to God and His church
- Identify some of the _____ things in your life and cut some of them out.

Remember to **rejoice** in the _____ and to **stand fast** in the _____. We are Christians and **we have God on our side.**