



1. Introduction

a. Rom 5:1 Christian justified

- (in right standing with God)

- (God's justice satisfied)

b. God gives Christian peace with God

- Christians no longer enemy of God

c. Sanctification: state of our fellowship with God

- carnal Christian (living sinful life)

- spiritual Christian (acceptable to God)

d. Three steps in Christian journey

2. Through Tribulations (vs. 3)

a. Christian can still glorify God through tribulations

- first hope in God's glory

- second tribulations produces Christian growth

b. Glorify God in trials

- Christian glory (boasting) in God alone

- time of pressure & difficulty

c. Tribulation works patience (endurance, perseverance)

- Jesus Himself endured the cross,

& despising the shame (Heb 12:2)

d. Glory (boast) in results of trials

e. Cross & the crown go together

- cross of death of Jesus

- crown of the King of glory

3. Through Patience (vs 4)

- a. Trials bring endurance for Christian life
- b. Patience (endurance) brings experience (character building)
 - life journey with Jesus
 - life experience grows Christian faith in God

4. Through Hope (vs 5)

- a. Experience (character) produces hope
 - hope does make Christian ashamed
 - Christian hope is not a disappointment
- b. Philp 1:6 Confident that God began a good work, & God will continue to finish His work
- c. Hope of glory of God
- d. Hope grown in boldness
- e. Hope given by Holy Spirit
 - God's love poured out in Christian's heart
 - Holy Spirit puts God's love in Christian heart
 - * God loves me
 - God gave Christian gift of Holy Spirit
 - * Acts 2:38-39 promise of the Holy Spirit
 - * Promise of the Father (Lk 24:49, Acts 1:4)