

TITLE AND NUMBER: 84. Faith, peace and hope



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. 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.

LOOKING FURTHER: John 14:27, John 20: 19-31, Romans 8: 37-39, 1 Peter 1:3-9

What does this Bible passage tell us?

We often find that people come to faith in different ways: some from childhood, others slowly over a period of time and yet others who can pinpoint a definite moment or experience. However it happens for us, through faith in Jesus, we are brought into a restored relationship with God which brings us a deep sense of peace and fills us with grace through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised His disciples peace. His first words to them after His resurrection were, "Peace be with you." The peace that Jesus gives us is the result of His victory over sin and death. No matter what difficulties may come, nothing can separate us from the love of God. God has poured this love into our hearts by giving us the Holy Spirit.

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Sadly, suffering is part of life. Perseverance is keeping going, continuing to show hope, faith, love and peace even when problems surround us.

As Mother Teresa said, "We can't live without hope. But hope doesn't really start with us; it starts with God. He is the one who promises to always love us, never leave us, be strong when we are weak, provide direction when we are lost and wisdom whenever we ask for it. Our hope has to be in Him, the author of hope."

Reflections:

- We each have our own story of how we are growing in faith. Give thanks to God for your own experience and, if you would like to, write it down on the back of this sheet.
- Jesus says in John's Gospel, "Peace be with you." How can we be people of peace and show this deep peace to those around us this week?
- Think about Mother Teresa's words. Pray that God will bring hope to you whatever situation you find yourself in today.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

