

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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New LIFE Fellowship Announcements:

**LIFE GROUP – this week at 6:30 pm
@ the Thomas'**

**Pass out Flyers? We have a few more Door
Hangers remaining ...
It would be nice to get
those “hung” this week
or the next**



**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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Growing in The HOPE & Grace of Jesus Christ

Last Week we look at Romans 5:1-5:

- Hope IN God
 - The HOPE OF God
 - and HOPE Because of God

This week we will look at those “words” or “concepts” we read over quickly last week ... today we are going to camp here and get the last gleanings out of these 5 verses and those 3 Words, more in depth.

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Today's TEXT: Romans 5:1-5:

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This sound familiar with: 2 Peter 1:5-11 :

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue, to virtue, knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge, self-control, to self-control, perseverance, to perseverance, godliness, ⁷ to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love (AGAPE). ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

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The FUEL for the FIRE, for the ENERGY Needed for us in the HOPE of GOD, that HOPE that God gives us... which we talked about last week...

and we REJOICE IN HOPE of the glory of God. ³ And not only this, but we also REJOICE IN OUR TRIBULATIONS, knowing that tribulation brings about PERSEVERANCE; ⁴ and perseverance, PROVEN CHARACTER; and proven character, HOPE; ⁵ and hope DOES NOT disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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1. REJOICING IN OUR TRIBULATIONS →

Tribulations: suffering, beatings, the challenges of life that seek to undermine your resolve to move forward. It seems as if God, people and life are all punishing you and out to get you. Tribulation points to: a cause of great trouble, suffering, distress, heartache, grief, sorrow, pain, anguish, and great travail. Tribulation causes troubles, problems, great difficulties, hardship, tragedy, anxiety, adversity, trauma, affliction, setback, hassle, and great loss. We've all suffered some sort of Tribulation in our lives at one time or another.

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1. REJOICING IN OUR TRIBULATIONS →

Rejoicing in our Tribulations ... not just having Tribulations, or just plowing through them ... REJOICING in our Tribulations... Rejoicing, being Joyful, DECIDING to Rejoice and Praise God and be Thankful to God in the midst of our Suffering ... Deciding to ... it is a Choice, a Choice of FAITH (of Trusting in God ... “I choose to be joyful and rejoice in God regardless ...”)

Instead of succumbing to the temptation to give up, give in and throw in the towel or to Get Mad at God, etc... you choose to Rejoice in the midst of your Tribulations

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1. REJOICING IN OUR TRIBULATIONS →

Finding Something to Be Thankful for, to God ...

An Attitude of Gratitude Or you will become cynical, bitter, and vengeful, etc. Don't get mad at God for these Trials and Tribulations ... keep your eyes on the the finish line and Win successfully!!!

Again, this is a choice. A choice not to let the Tribulations, the Trials, the Temptations to control you but to allow God's Love to control us. If we can Rejoice, we are already almost at the finish line.

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1. REJOICING IN OUR TRIBULATIONS →

God says you are a Winner, that you are Victorious ... and wants you to Win ... So Rejoice you can win !!!

→ You are victorious...

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”
Phil. 4:13

→ You are more than a conquer thru Christ Jesus
(Romans 8:37)

→ Greater is HE who in you, than he who is in the World
(1 John 4:4)

Also: Matt. 5:10-12; Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 3:13-14 ; 4:12-19

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL →

Plowing through, Never Giving up, Standing your Ground, Anchored, Steadfast, YET still moving forward with out stopping ... NOT LOSING HEART ... NOT GIVING UP ... NOT GIVING IN ... NOT COMPROMISING ... KEEPING ON KEEPING ON ... Never Stopping ...

This is HOW you Win the Race ...

THIS is HOW you Make it through the Tribulations and Get to the Finish LINE, Legitimately, Successfully, without Cheating ...

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL → HOPE in GOD, the HOPE of GOD, the HOPE we have BECAUSE of God being our LIVES ... is the FUEL we need to PERSEVERE, to ENDURE the Tribulations, the Trials, the Temptation, and the Challenges of LIFE and to WIN ... to come of the Finish LINE ... to get out of the Dark Tunnel ... to See the Light at the End of the Tunnel ... to run into the LIGHT at the end of the Tunnel . . . We will never make it ... we won't Endure, we won't Persevere unless we have Jesus as our LIFE and our HOPE. He must be the Reason for our LIVING

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL →

2 Corinthians 5:14-15:

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL →

Colossian 3:1-3:

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ **WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE**, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL →

I am not going to make it ... I am not going to endure, persevere in this “RACE of FAITH” if I don’t have that HEART-SET and MINDSET ... that I am LIVING ONLY to PLEASE my KING (JESUS CHRIST) ... HE is MY LIFE ...

I will throw in the towel, give up, give in, curl up in a fetal position and fade away ... because of the tribulations against me IF Jesus isn’t My LIFE.

BUT... If Jesus Is MY LIFE ... I will PERSEVERE

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2. PERSEVERANCE , ENDURANCE ... FAITHFUL →

If Jesus Is MY LIFE ... I will PERSEVERE

Galatians 6:9 says: “Let us NOT LOSE HEART in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.” [Folks this is a Promise to US ... claim it]

God wants us to Win ... He wants us to WIN ...

Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS ...

WIN the RACE ... PERSEVERE ...

the Finish LINE is just around the Corner...

DON'T Give UP ... !!!

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3. PROVEN CHARACTER →

when we make it through the Tribulations, Trials, and Challenges of LIFE with Perseverance and Faithful Endurance we are CHANGED. If we stayed steadfast in our faith, trusting and relying upon God, not compromising, but Obeying God when everyone around us is giving in, giving up, and running away ... that kind of Perseverance in Christ will always produce PROVEN CHARACTER.

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3. PROVEN CHARACTER →

You know when this is NOT Existing in a person's life ... the Politician who uses his office for secret purposes ... the Husband cheating on his wife ... the employee embezzling money ... and so on ... those folks have sinful character ... they don't have Proven Character. PROVEN ... like GOLD that is PROVEN through the FIRE ... the slag has burned off and you are left with PURE GOLD.

Proven Character has everything to do with
INTEGRITY, FAITHFULNESS, LOYALTY

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3. PROVEN CHARACTER →

INTEGRITY, FAITHFULNESS, LOYALTY to God and to others ... is more precious than any riches on earth. It is the **FRUIT** of Maturity God wants us to attain and gain (to accumulate) in our lives.

Rejoicing in and through our Tribulations ...

PRODUCES ... Perseverance ... and Perseverance (rejoicing with Perseverance) produces PROVEN CHARACTER ... a Champion, a WINNER ...

“If God is For us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

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3. PROVEN CHARACTER →

INTEGRITY, FAITHFULNESS, LOYALTY

Did you seek to “Win” by Cheating the System ...

- OR -

Did you Rely upon God? Did you Trust in God?

Did you seek to Glorify God? Are you Living for God?

Is Jesus Christ your LIFE?

Then you will Persevere for Christ’s Sake and Win ...

In the Process God will have Transformed you ... even just a little bit more... and supplying you with more

HOPE ...

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4. HOPE ... MORE HOPE, ACCUMULATING HOPE →

We've come full circle ... a full Cycle...

I begin with HOPE and End Up with HOPE, more HOPE ...

As we go through LIFE ... we gain more HOPE ... more Maturity in Christ ... - **AND** -

→ We will face more Tribulations, Trials, and Temptations ...

→ We will then need to use the FUEL of HOPE to Persevere and Endure through those Tribulations...

→ As we Persevere thru those Tribulation we will gain More Proven Character

→ Which give us More Hope in God ... I see clearer and look more with assurance unto Christ and His Return... and the Cycle begins again until Christ comes or He takes me home.

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PROVEN CHARACTER
... Transforming us to
be more like Jesus
Christ: **OUR LIFE**

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BECAUSE JESUS is ...

The One Who MATURES us in our FAITH

The One Who Makes us HOLY (i.e.: “Sanctifier”)

We have much to REJOICE ABOUT ...

**So, Let’s go out with Joy, and be led forth with His
PEACE... Rejoicing with Praise and Thanksgiving
in our Hearts, Forever, unto our Holy God 😊**

Let’s Praise God with this last Worship Song

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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