

The Blessings of Justification by Faith – Romans 5:3-5

Theme: God uses tribulation to produce spiritual _____ in us.

- I. Justification allows believers to _____ in tribulation – 5:3
 - A. The call to rejoice in our _____.
 1. Tribulation is our _____ ground.
 2. This _____ of rejoicing in trouble is taught and modeled in the Bible – Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 5:41; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - B. Tribulation is _____.
 1. _____ uses suffering and afflictions to produce mature believers.
 2. Suffering – tribulation, affliction, pressures, oppression, distress, to _____ or squeeze.
 3. When we live like Christ, we will experience _____ – John 15:20; John 16:33
 4. What should be our _____ to these sufferings? – Romans 8:18
 5. Produces - Accomplishes, achieves, brings about, works out, _____ in.
- II. Tribulation produces _____ – 5:3
 - A. Endurance - fortitude, perseverance, steadfastness, patient continuance, or the ability to _____ under a heavy load.
 - B. This speaks of the reality of facing a heavy burden and not _____ or trying to get out from under the burden.
 - C. A _____ - _____ life will never produce endurance.
 - D. _____ went through great adversity and he worshiped God.
 - E. Those who are justified by faith continue to trust God in times of tribulation and do it with _____ – James 1:2-4

F. _____ understood persecution, tribulation and affliction – Philippians 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:11-12

- III. Endurance produces _____ character – 5:4
 - A. Character speaks of a person or thing being approved after being _____ and tried.
 - B. Job understood what it meant for God to _____ our character – Job 23:10.
 - C. James shares the _____ of having this proven character – 1:12
 - D. We do not enjoy the _____ but we like the finished product.
- IV. Proven character produces _____ – 5:4-5
 - A. The Christian who has gone through this process has hope.
 - B. Hope – tribulations – endurance – proven character – hope.
 - C. Hope is the confident expectation of all of God's promises being _____.
 - D. Justification provides a hope that does not _____.
 1. Believers who have this biblical hope are never put to _____ – they are never let down – Psalm 22:5; 25:3
 2. Believers see their hope _____.
 - E. We have this hope because the _____ of God has been poured out in our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- V. Application / Response to God
 - A. Do you have peace with God and hope in God?
 - B. See the _____ in affliction.
 - C. _____ and have hope!

God wants me to _____
