

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Roger noted last week that the Greek form of this verb “**declared righteous,**” or “**justified,**” is **not** the present participle, “**being declared righteous,**”

but rather the **orist participle,** “**having been declared righteous,**” or “**justified.**”

What is the difference?

- “**being declared righteous**” looks to a condition you are in;
- “**having been declared righteous**” looks back to a fact that happened.
- The moment you believed, God declared you righteous, never to change His mind:

The Epistle to the Romans takes on a new aspect of understanding in each chapter:

- In Chapter Three, Christ was set forth as a propitiation for our sins;
 - in Chapter Four, Christ was raised for our justification;
 - in Chapter Five, we have peace with God through Christ, a position in grace, and the hope of the coming glory.

We have **three blessings**, then, in this first part of our chapter:

1. Peace with God, in looking back to Calvary where Christ made peace by His blood.
2. A present standing (position) in grace, in unlimited Divine favor; and
3. Hope of the glory of God—of being glorified with Christ when He comes.

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

(other) Not only this = Romans 5:11 (NASB)

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Romans 8:23 (NASB)

²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Romans 9:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

³ *And not only this, but we also **exult** in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

Greek Word: καυχάομαι

Transliterated Word: *kauchaomai*

Root: of unc. or.; **Definition:** to boast:--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

boast (24),
boasted (1),
boasting (3),
boasts (2),
exult (3),
glory (2),
take pride (1).

New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

³ *And not only this, but we also exult in our **tribulations**, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

God brings us into all sorts of **tribulations**,

Greek Word: **θλίψις**

Transliterated Word: *thlipsis*

Root: from [2346](#); Definition: **tribulation**--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

affliction (14),

afflictions (6),

anguish (1),

distress (2),

persecution (1),

tribulation (16),

tribulations (4),

trouble (1).

New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

³ *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, **knowing** that tribulation brings about perseverance;*

Usage Number: 5 Strong's Number: [<G1492>](#)

Original Word: οἶδα, *oida*

Usage Notes: **"to know by perception,"**

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.

Greek Word: ὁράω

Transliterated Word: **EIDOTES**

Root: a prim. vb.;

Definition: **to see, perceive, attend to:--**

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

appear (2), appeared (21), appearing (1), behold (3), beware (1), certainly seen (1), do (2), look (5), look after (1), looked (12), perceive (3), recognizing (1), saw (180),
New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

This is not something which we are told: the word "**knowing**" here is the word for conscious knowledge; it suggests the ability in the soul to take account of how things work experimentally.

Coates

³ And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

Expanded:

NOT ONLY have we been justified by faith and have peace with God. Plus, an introduction into permanent grace and we brag about the coming glory of God but let us also take pride in all sorts of tribulations,

Why? Because we have certainly seen and know and are aware that suffering works in us load caring ability. Perseverance.

Those who recognize the principles of God's world, and seek to be in agreement with them, find that this means pressures here; the present time is marked by sufferings.

⁴ *and perseverance, **proven character**; and proven character, hope;*

Transliteration: dokimē

Root: from the same as [<G1384>](#)

Cross Reference: TDNT - 2:255,181

Vine's Words: [Experience](#), [Experiment](#), [Proof](#), [Trial](#)

Definition: (the process or result of) *trial*, **PROVING**, **APPROVAL**:--

New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

Usage Notes:

proof 3, experience 2, trial 1, experiment 1

Without tribulation we could never acquire endurance.

Tribulations' School

"Tribulation works patience, proven character."

The Father's school of tribulations is very distasteful to the natural heart. But His same wondrous love and grace, which has secured for us above an inalienably safe portion, blessings ordained from eternity and secured for eternity, have also to carry on a work within us.

And it is to be here below, in the school of tribulations, to enable us, during our journey through this barren wilderness, to realize those blessings, and to put away everything around or within us that would hinder or prevent our enjoyment of them, and our corresponding faithful witness and godly walk. It is a fine thing to rise above the pressure of circumstances in the power of faith; it is quite another thing, to bend in patience under them and learn that Christian endurance, which can only be made our own in the Father's school of tribulations.

Stanford

⁴ *and perseverance, **proven character**; and proven character, hope;*

Perseverance produces proven character.

Who's proven character is it?

A believer may inherit patience, and although he may be but a babe in Christ, he is seen to be more stable than a more advanced believer, because whatever goes wrong he stands unruffled.

"To empty him, the Father puts him in circumstances where his natural 'patience' fails. After repeated failures of his natural virtue of patience, he realizes that it is not enough to meet all trials, and carry him triumphantly through them all. Then he turns to the Father **to give him His own unfailing patience.**" -E.R.

The source of proven character is Christ Himself

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.

Greek Word: ἐλπίς

Transliterated Word: *elpis*

Root: from the same as [1679](#);

Definition: expectation, hope:--

List of English Words and Number of Times Used

hope (53),

hopes (1).

New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

It is most important that *hope* should be produced in the souls of believers; it brings in the brightness of the coming day. Coates

*"Be always prepared to give an answer to every one that asks you to give an account of the **hope** that is in you", [1 Peter 3:15](#).*

This suggests that there would be such a brightness of hope about the Christian that it would have to be accounted for to men of the world.

How happy would it be if people saw such evidence of *hope* in us that they questioned us about it!

Hope makes what is still future a present reality.

All that is connected with God's world, as to its public display, is a matter of hope. Coates

*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.*

Greek Word: Transliteration: kataischynō

Part of Speech: v

Vine's Words: Ashamed, Confound, Confuse, Confusion, Dishonor, Shame

Usage Notes:

English Words used in KJV:

ashamed 7

confound 3

dishonor 2

to *shame down*, i.e. *disgrace* or (by implication) *put to the blush* :-

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

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.

- The very first action of the Holy Spirit in your heart is to assure you that God loves you.
- Many believers are hindered by being occupied with his own feelings.
- The unmistakable mark of your having the Holy Spirit is that God is before you.
- The only bond with Christ is the Spirit of God. *"If anyone has not the Spirit of Christ he is not of him"* ([Romans 8:9](#)); it is not "none of his" but "**not of him**".

What is the proof that you believe in Christ risen?

The proof that you believe in Christ risen, and that is that you have received the Holy Spirit.

- ***"He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit" ([1 Cor. 6:17](#));*** that is your responsibility of faith. You belong to the Lord. ***"In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed" ([Ephesians 1:13](#)).***
- The Holy Spirit is the link.
- The living water is Christ's answer to your faith in Him. He said, ***"Whosoever drinks of the water which I shall give him shall never thirst for ever, but the water which I shall give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up into eternal life" ([John 4:14](#)).***

Now what is the attitude of our souls towards tribulations?

- *Naturally* we shrink from them and would avoid them if possible; we would wish to be relieved of pressures. But *spiritually* we boast in tribulations.
- The believer who has peace towards God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and who is standing in a blessed sense of how favorable God is to him, has the inward conviction that tribulation is a spiritual advantage; it works endurance i.e., load carrying ability.
- I do not think anyone will "boast" in tribulations until he has found them to be spiritually advantageous.
- Tribulation, or pressure, *gone through with God* has the effect of developing a precious **quality of Christ** in the saints. Coates

What an amazing fruit of God's grace, and of redemption accomplished! The Holy Spirit has been given to us!

This is far too great a gift to be the result of anything less than the love of God, and the infinite value of the death of Christ.

And this Gift is given that the love of God may be shed abroad in our hearts. It does not satisfy the blessed God that we should know His righteousness, His grace, His power; He would have us to know the very spring of all in His own heart; and this could only be in our hearts by His Holy Spirit being given to us. Only a divine Person could pour out into the hearts of believers the love of God. God would be known in His love in the hearts of men. Nothing could be greater than this. COATES

