

Advent 2022, HOPE

Review:

Love

Peace

Today, Hope

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Justified through faith given to us by God
- Why? Because He loves you. He's called you

1st John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

- Radical Agape love!
- This allows us into the space of Peace
- Shalom, Godly peace is only found through Christ

2 We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

- Imputed (free gift) of faith gives us GRACE
- We stand in this
- We boast in this
- What are we boasting about?
- Our anchor of HOPE all to the glory of God
- Definition of HOPE
- It is NOT a desire for a positive outcome
- It IS a clear understanding of a secured promise of eternity
- But wait, there is more!!

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, **4** endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope.

- We boast in our afflictions. Why?
- What did we boast of in the previous verses?
- We boast in our HOPE (secured promise) in Christ

HOPE IS GREATER THAN ANY AFFLICTION

**Afflictions are painful. Afflictions produce Endurance.
Endurance is tough. It's not for the faint of heart. Endurance produces Character
(Proven) Character is a giant badge of pain. Character produces Hope.
HOPE does not, will not, can not ever ever ever...disappoint.**

5 This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Disappoint whom? Two part:

First, the opposite of disappointment would be???

To encourage, to please, to satisfy!

- You
- Others around you