

## **“Rejoicing In God During Our Trials”**

### **Romans 5:1-11**

#### **Sermon Series: Joy[Full]**

**Introduction:** Sometimes we are singing “Joy To The World” outwardly and thinking “woe is me” inwardly. Sometimes in the middle of all the holiday “cheer,” we are feeling overwhelmed with the challenges, complexities, and trials of life. Maybe some of you are feeling anxious and depressed instead of happy and joyful. The reality of life is that we have an abundance of trials. What are the reasons the Christians go through trials according to Scripture?

- 1. We experience trials simply because we live in a fallen world.**
- 2. We experience trials because we reap what we sow.**
- 3. We experience trials of refining that God is using to grow us spiritually.**
- 4. We experience trials because our Father is disciplining us.**
- 5. We experience trials because of suffering for Jesus.**
- 6. We experience trials because of other’s sin.**
- 7. We experience trials because of Satan attacking us.**

Why would we rejoice during trials? **Tim Keller says, “Your belief in the gospel is measured by your ability to have joy in suffering.”** Why is his quote true? What are the reasons we have to rejoice during our trials? We see five reasons in Romans 5:1-11.

**1. We can rejoice during trials because we know God (v. 1, 11).** We were enemies with God because of our sin, but our justification also brings reconciliation to God. We are now beloved children instead of enemies. The word “peace” means “to bind together that which has been separated” (Wuest). The word “with” literally means “facing” (Wuest). Instead of being ashamed and afraid, the believer

in Jesus can now face God with peace because we have the righteousness of Jesus.

**2. We can rejoice during trials because we stand in grace (v. 2).**

How does grace affect our trials?

**A. Whatever our trials are, we are still getting better than we deserve.**

**B. Whatever our trials are, we still have all the blessings of being a child of God through grace.**

**3. We can rejoice during trials because a better day is coming (v. 2).** The end of this verse says that “we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Rejoice means “exult” or “boast.” “The glory of God” refers to us going to heaven and being glorified in the presence of the glory of God. Theologian D.A. Carson says, “I’m not suffering from anything that a good resurrection can’t fix.”

**4. We can rejoice during trials because God is using them for good (v. 3-5).** We can rejoice in these tribulations when we understand that God has a purpose in them and when we know what He is doing through them.

**A. Tribulation produces perseverance.** We develop endurance by enduring things.

**B. Perseverance produces character.** As we go through things, character is developed in the trials.

**C. Character produces hope.** Our hope is more settled and grows as we go through things because we experience the Lord bringing us through things.

**5. We can rejoice during trials because Jesus’s death on the cross proves that God loves us (v. 5-11).** Christianity is about the cross-not our personal circumstances. Is our faith about the cross or our personal circumstances?