

# Hope for a Changing World

## Romans 5:1-5

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<sup>1</sup>“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

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

<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

<sup>5</sup> 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 rapid changes in our world can give us a sense of uncertainty and unease. We can be thrown off balance by the suffering we see around us, the evolving technology that outpaces our ability to absorb it, and the daily rise and fall of financial markets. Sometimes what seems worthwhile today has less value tomorrow.

As problems mount, we can become discouraged and lose heart. But basing all our hope on man’s ability to solve problems or modify a situation is not the answer. We can achieve only temporary peace when we alter our own circumstances or adjust our outward behavior.

The root problem in our culture is spiritual—namely, man has a sin nature that is at enmity with God. Sin prompts us to look out for ourselves and pursue what we want. Neither our intellect nor talent could have changed our sinful state or brought us peace with God. However, those who trust Jesus as Savior receive a new nature and are reconciled to the Lord. As His adopted children, not only are we at peace with Him but we’ve also been given the power to live in harmony with one another. No matter how much life changes, we can have hope, for we are anchored to a firm foundation that will never be shaken ([Isaiah 28:16](#)).

### **Isaiah 28:16 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup>“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone *for* the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes *in it* will not be disturbed.”

The believer’s hope rests in the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our heavenly Father knows each of us by name ([Isaiah 43:1](#)).

### **Isaiah 43:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>“But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!”

Our Savior keeps every divine promise ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#)). And the Holy Spirit assures us that we are secure in Christ, both in this life and in the life to come.

### **2 Corinthians 1:20 (NASB)**

<sup>20</sup>“For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore, also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.”