

SRMBC Family Bible Study

Romans: A New Lifestyle

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Lesson 7: Reasons to Rejoice Romans 5

We all long to be joyful, to experience the pure delight that life sometimes offers. But life's joys are elusive, momentary, gone as quickly as they come. How can we have an abiding, enduring joy—especially when suffering intrudes into our lives? In Romans 5 Paul gives us several firm and lasting reasons to rejoice.

Group Discussion: What kinds of things make you want to dance or sing or celebrate? Why?

- When we I get a financial blessing/breakthrough for myself or my family.
- When the Eagles won the Super Bowl – It was a long time coming (Fly, Eagles, Fly).
- When we get together for worship – and talk about how Jesus is our “Solid Rock”.

Read Romans 5.

1. In verses 2-11 what reasons does Paul give for rejoicing? How has faith in Jesus Christ changed our relationship with God (vv. 1-2)?

Reasons To Rejoice

- Justification by faith (not by works) - We are right with God because of Christ.
- We have peace with God (along with the peace of God).
- We have access to God – (His Throne, His Presence, His blessing, etc.).
- We access by faith and grace – His undeserved favor – O I Love the grace of God.
- We have reason to rejoice – the Hope and Glory of God there is a greater glory – an eternal Glory.
- We have the ability to glory – even in the times of trouble for even the trouble is used to build up our Christ.
- We have the blessed Holy Spirit Living in our heart to remind of His great love for us.
- Christ died for me/us while we were sinners in my place.
- His blood paid for my sin – debt in full by His blood – Justified.
- I am reconciled – there is nothing (not even my past sins) that separates me from God.

Since I am come to Jesus – even though things have been hard sometimes I have a joy and a hope that far exceeds the things in this world. My life has purpose and meaning and even death is put in God’s perspective and holds no fear for me. God is good and is good to me.

2. What does it mean to “rejoice in the hope of the glory of God” (v. 2)? How has this been a source of joy to you?

Glory of God - The glory of God is the manifestation of God, his radiant splendor, the outward shining of his inward being.

Already his glory has been partly revealed in the universe, in human beings and supremely in Jesus Christ. . . (Isa 6:3).

One day, however, the glory of God will be fully revealed, and ‘we exult in hope’ of this prospect.

II Corinthians 2:13 God is moving me/us from glory to glory to Glory – to greater measures of the His glory as much of His glory we see now even in the midst of trial, heartache and suffering in this world – a time is coming when God will remove all of obstacles and issues that His glory may be fully seen.

It’s like when you watch a firework show – no matter which show or where you watch it – it always ends in a great finale. Everybody sits in anticipation of the great finale. – and whenever I am sad or discouraged a look forward to that great finale

3. How does suffering for Christ’s sake produce the character changes mentioned in verses 3-4?
- Suffering helps build our patience and endurance with God
 - Suffering helps us to pray with sincerity and simplicity.
 - Suffering helps us to see God love and purpose for us in a deeper way.
 - Suffering helps others to see Christ in us as we go through trials in a way that brings glory to God.
 - Suffering gives us to opportunity to testify to others of the goodness of God.
 - Suffering helps us to keep our focus on eternal things and not on earthly things.
 - Suffering builds our faith and trust in God for greater things.

Miyagi becomes Daniel's teacher and, slowly, a surrogate father figure. He begins Daniel's training by having him perform laborious chores such as waxing cars, sanding a wooden floor, refinishing a fence, and painting Miyagi's house. Each chore is accompanied with a specific movement, such as clockwise/counter-clockwise hand motions.

Daniel fails to see any connection to his training from these hard chores and eventually feels frustrated, believing he has learned nothing of karate. When he expresses his frustration, Miyagi reveals that Daniel has been learning defensive blocks through muscle memory learned by performing the chores.

Mr. Miagi's shows him all the specific task he had been doing and how they transferred into karate. At the end of the transfer of learning phase of his training Daniel is amazed at what he had "learned" when he thought he was just doing everyday tasks.

Rejoicing in suffering doesn't being like those crazy folks in the Geico commercial enjoying getting paper cuts, getting hot coffee poured on you, etc. – but it does mean we can rejoice the Lord is up to something good in our lives.

4. In what ways do verses 5-8 emphasize the love God has for us?

Scripture	Remarks
<i>5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love</i>	God loves us so much that He has given Himself in the Person of the Holy Spirit to remind us of His love
<i>6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good.</i>	God loves us so much that – Christ died for us – even though we as sinners we were the ones who deserved death.
<i>8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.</i>	God loves us so much that He did not wait for us to become “good” but He sent Christ to die for us – while we still sinning – walking in disobedience.

5. How do verses 9-10 assure us that God accepts us completely in Christ?

Scripture	Remarks
<i>9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation</i>	Although our sins against God rightly condemn us - the blood and death of Jesus saves us from the punishment we are due.
<i>10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.</i>	Christ's death restores our relationship with God. In Christ's resurrection, we are saved and assured of being Justification

The movie Les Misérables, based on the novel by Victor Hugo, first published in 1862, that is considered one of the greatest novels of the 19th century. Les Misérables portrays a convict's journey to redemption. Jean Valjean, imprisoned for filching a loaf of bread when he was starving, is released after spending the prime of his life in a hard-labor prison. A free man, Valjean pockets a set of silver from a bishop who befriends him. When authorities capture him, it appears Valjean will repeat his own history; however, the bishop covers for Valjean, saying he gave him the silver. This act of grace transforms Valjean.

Many years of prison to turn a young man into a criminal and a single night and morning to redeem him for life.

6. Why should God's outpouring of love and his complete acceptance make us rejoice (v. 11)?

- God's love and acceptance for us is **Unconditional.**
- God's love for acceptance for us is **Unchanging.**
- God's love and acceptance for us is **Unfathomable.**

The thief had nails through both hands, so that he could not work; and a nail through each foot, so that he could not run errands for the Lord; he could not lift a hand or a foot toward his salvation, and yet Christ offered him the gift of God; and he took it. Christ threw him a passport, and took him into Paradise.

7. Read verses 12-21. How are Adam and Christ similar (vv. 12,18-19)? 10. How is Christ's gift different from Adam's trespass (vv. 15-21)?

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

<u>Adam</u>	<u>Christ</u>
The first Adam yielded to temptation in a garden. (Genesis 3:6)	The Last Adam beat temptation in a garden. (Luke 22:42)
The first Adam brought a curse. (Genesis 3:17)	The Last Adam became a curse. (Galatians 3:13)
The first Adam was a man who sought to become like God. (Genesis 3:5)	The Last Adam was God who became a man. (John 1:14)

- The obedience of Christ is parallel, but vastly superior, to the disobedience of Adam.
- The righteousness imputed to those who are in Christ is vastly superior, to the sin imputed to those who are in Adam.
- The life that comes to us who are in Christ is vastly superior, to the death Adam through that imputed sin.

8. As you look back over this passage, what reasons does it give you for rejoicing?

Reason To Rejoice	Remarks
Our Position As Believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forgiven of all our sins by Christ• Justified in Christ• Loved and filled with Hope of/in Christ
Our Possessions As Believer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to God thru Christ.• Assurance in God thru Christ. (Today, Future/Eternal)
Our Privileges As Believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Ability to Rejoice In Trouble

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ability to Recognize that our Troubles help us to grow in Christ
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Spend time thanking and praising God for all that we have in Jesus Christ.

Keys for Living



As believers in Christ, we should regularly review all that we are and all we have in Christ in order that we can stay joyful and hopeful in any situation.



Even though we are children of God, we are not exempt from the trials of life. In fact, the suffering we all face is what God uses to build Christlike character in us.



In Adam, we have the assurance of sin, death and judgement. But in Christ, we have forgiveness, acceptance, eternal life and so much more.