

THE KEY TO REJOICING

Romans 5:1–11

The key to rejoicing is UNDERSTANDING the GOSPEL.

We rejoice in HOPE of the glory of God — because we STAND in Peace and Grace.

We rejoice in our HOPE — because we have been SEALED in love by His Spirit.

Suffering is used by God to make you a CHARACTER WITNESS.

Suffering is used by God to make you look like CHRIST.

We rejoice in our RECONCILIATION to God — because we have been SAVED through Christ.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Does happiness differ from joy or rejoicing? If so, in what ways?
2. The Greek word Paul uses in Chapter 5 for “rejoice” comes from the idea of “boasting or exulting”. How are we to boast or exult in the “hope of the Glory of God”? (Romans 5:2; 1 Peter 1:3-9, 15; Matthew 28:19-20)
3. What does it mean for Christians to be in a state of “already/not yet”? How does that relate to justification versus sanctification?
4. What does it mean to rejoice in reconciliation? How is that different from justification?
5. What does “rejoicing in suffering” look like? How has God used suffering in your life for His purposes and your good?
6. What are three aspects of the Gospel that remind you to rejoice?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle