



### **MESSAGE/SERIES:**

Suffering with Peace “**Certain Suffering for the Saint**”-*Pastor Michael Baker*

**DATE:** March 24, 2019

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:** *Romans 5:1-5, Hebrews 10:19, James 1:2-4, Psalms 119:116, Philippians 1:20, Titus 3:4-8, Romans 4:24, Psalms 30:5, 1 Peter 4:12-16, Romans 3:10*

### **OPENING SCRIPTURE:**

**Romans 5:1-5** “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.** <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but **we rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Ro 5:1–5). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.*

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SUFFERING does not deter the peace of a Child of God who knows LOVE SUFFERED First..

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## OUTLINE:

### I. JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH

- *Romans 4:20-25* “faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”
  - Imputed Righteousness (see terms)
- Two Kinds of Peace
  - Positional Peace/Peace with God (One time Peace as a peace treaty)
    - a) Instituted by Jesus once for all who will believe
    - b) Is all God
    - c) For His good pleasure
    - d) Is present tense and eternal as well
  - Peace of God also so known in Hebrew as Shalom (see terms)
    - a) Is determined by our daily repentance/ is a choice to pursue
    - b) Can and will grow to a greater magnitude as we Suffer, Endure, and Hope

### II. SUFFERING PRODUCES ENDURANCE

- Peace is the possession of the Child of God
- Peace comes to us by the means of God given faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

### III. ENDURANCE PRODUCES CHARACTER

- Character can also be interpreted as proof or approval of God
- Testing forges the child of God to be able to handle the next test with greater strength and greater power of the Spirit
- Suffering increases as life endures and each stage of suffering for a believer prepares for the next greater degree of test

### IV. CHARACTER PRODUCES HOPE

- Matthew 25:23-24 The coming pronouncement for those who endure with Hope “Well Done my *good and Faithful Servant*”
- The coming realization of Hope is when we see Him face to face
  - This will be a perfect Hope and a perfect peace or Shalom

## OTHER STUDY HELPS:

- **(Sermon of Timothy Keller)** *Here's what he is saying. "I rejoice in my sufferings. We rejoice in our sufferings." Let me just state it and then unpack it. It's saying, on the one hand, to be a Christian doesn't mean we don't experience grief, that we're not cast down. Paul says, "... we are perplexed, but not in despair ... cast down, but not destroyed ..."* Christians are cast down. Christians experience grief.

*Not only that, I believe the word in means more than just, "We rejoice even though there are sufferings around us." I believe, if anything, **the gospel actually moves Christians to be more touched by grief and the suffering of life in the world than you were before. You're really in suffering. You really are cast down.***

Keller, T. J. (2013). *The Timothy Keller Sermon Archive*. New York City: Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## TERMS:

- **Shalom:** "Shalom has to do with wellness and well-being (at a variety of levels). It can refer to the absence of war or strife, but it can also refer to prosperity and everything being in order. Our bodies may or may not be well, yet in either situation we may be able to affirm that "it is well with my soul." **Shalom is best understood as a feeling (whether realistic or not) that all is well.** Consequently, even when we are in crisis and are experiencing significant unrest, we can feel *shalom*."

Walton, J. H., & Longman, T., III. (2015). *How to Read Job* (p. 175). Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press.

- **Imputed Righteousness:** "After God had promised material and spiritual blessing to Abraham, Genesis 15:6 states that he "believed the Lord; and he [God] reckoned it to him as righteousness." The Bible teaches that no person naturally possesses the standard of righteousness demanded by God (Ps 130:3; Is 64:6; Rom 3:10). Yet, in his gracious plan of salvation, God himself supplies the righteousness to satisfy his holy character (Is 45:24; 54:17; Hos 10:12). That is, as a person accepts by faith the work of Christ in satisfying the demands of God's Law, God imputes or reckons Christ's righteousness to the believer."

Demarest, B. A. (1988). Imputation. In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 1025). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

"The biblical word "impute" is 'to set down in a record or a ledger.' In relation to the doctrine of salvation, the word is consistently used in a legal sense."

Elwell, W. A., & Comfort, P. W. (2001). In *Tyndale Bible dictionary* (p. 630). Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

- **Suffering in a Historical Context:** “Progressions like this one (tribulations, endurance, character, hope) represent a special literary and rhetorical form called concatenation, also found in other texts. Again Paul demonstrates his skill in making his point in culturally relevant ways. *Philosophers emphasized that hardships proved the quality of the wise person, who knew better than to be moved by them; the truly wise person should be tranquil in hardships.* The Old Testament and Jewish tradition show men and women of God tested and matured by trials (although the Old Testament also includes the internal struggles of its heroes, like David and Jeremiah, rather than their continual tranquillity).”

Keener, C. S. (1993). *The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament* (Ro 5:3–4). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----  
Church,

God is the source of peace. As a child of God suffering should produce a greater peace as we look to the source of our strength. If you are a child of God see the circumstances and the suffering as a means to a greater and eternal peace in Him alone. If you are reading this and realize you are suffering with no joy and no growing knowledge of Jesus in your heart... please take a moment and call on Him name, confess your sins to Him as He sent His son to die for the sins of those who will believe... Is He calling you? Child of God Suffer with Approval and Hope! There is purpose in our path and He is with us. Love you all dearly and pray your week we be amazing as you learn to trust Him more.

Love in Christ,  
*Pastor Michael*

## MY PERSONAL STUDY NOTES:

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