

Having fun with God

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.
Romans 5:1-5

Q1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Enjoying with God. 5:1

The joy of 1

Romans 5:1, Justified by...

Romans 5:9, Justified by...

The joy of 2

Enjoying the of God. 5:2

I'm of God. 2

Psalms 34:1-3, I will bless the Lord...

Jeremiah 9:24, boast in this:

1 Corinthians 1:31, you are...

Galatians 6:14, never boast except...

Philippians 3:3, put no confidence...

I'm for God. 2

Romans 3:23, All have sinned and...

Colossians 1:27, the mystery is...

Romans 8:17-18, so we share in His...

Enjoying the of God. 5:3-5

Short term 3

We boast in the of our suffering

Romans 5:3, because we...

2 Corinthians 12:9, so that the...

Long term 5

1 Peter 4:12-13, do not be...

Rejoice... so that you may be...

My prayer priorities for this week

S 10 Martin & Lisa. **Mothers Day**

M 11 Jean H. **Church Council, 7:30**

T 12 May & Peter. Taina

W 13 Our internet contacts. **Diggers, 11. Home Gp, 7:30**

T 14 Paula & Paul

F 15 Diane J

S 16 Joan J

S 17 Lyn K. **Myanmar morning tea**

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Why does Scripture put "justified" before "peace", v1?
2. In Romans 5:1, "justified" is Past Tense, while "peace" is Present Tense. What is the significance of those tenses?
3. The key words in the opening paragraph are "through our Lord Jesus Christ" v1b. List the things we now have, v1-2, through Jesus. What do they each mean?
4. Why is it difficult to use the words "rejoice" and "sufferings" in the same sentence?
5. Romans 5:3 begins, "We rejoice within our sufferings." Why is "within" better than "because of" or "in spite of"?
6. Explain the progression through v3-4.
7. "Hope does not disappoint because..." v5a. What is the rationale of v5b?

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