

Romans — Part 6

Perseverance

Trials and hardships come for us all. But what if these are not meant to be viewed as threatening the foundation of our standing with God? What if these were meant for character transformation? Listen in as [Pastor JoAnn Johnson](#), our Lead Pastor, as she helps us see God's hope in our trials.

In this message you will be challenged and encouraged to:

1. Take advantage of the access to God we are given in Christ
2. Embrace hope in the thick of hardships

Let's go in our Bibles to Romans 5:1-5 (CSB)

1. **We now live at peace with God through Jesus.**

Romans 5:1 (CSB) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- a. **The peace we have received changes our past, present, and future.**

Romans 5:2 (CSB) **We have also obtained access** through him by faith **into this grace** in which **we stand**, and **we boast** in the hope of the glory of God.

2. **God transforms hardships into hope.**

Romans 5:3 (CSB) And not only that, but **we also boast in our afflictions**, because we know that **affliction produces endurance...**

Romans 5:4 (CSB) endurance produces **proven character** and proven character produces **hope**.

Romans 5:5 (CSB) **This hope** will not disappoint us, because **God's love has been poured out in our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.