

Our reason to hope

Romans 5:1-5

We have reason to hope since rightly-placed-Hope does not disappoint!

1. *We must place our hope in the glory of God. 5:2*

- God's glory reflects God's provision

"God's glory is seen in his provision to his people and in his concern that lies would not inform our view of his creation."

- God's glory is seen in Jesus who provides. 4:24-25
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2. *We must place our hope in God's love. 5:5*

- God's love is not earned. 5:8

"God loves. **Period**. Therefore, God sends his Son to bring about forgiveness. **Period**. God then sends those who follow his Son to share that forgiveness. **Period**. Such is the depth and genuineness of God's love."

- God's Love is poured out for us.
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3. *Our Hope must be energized by the Spirit. 5:5*

- The spirit empowers us

a. In difficulty - Abraham in 4:18

b. Through our transformation process. 5:3

- troubles, difficulty, oppression
 diamonds from coal
- perseverance, endurance, staying power
- proven character, approved character, excellence 5:4

Faith based hope places God's revealed character at the foundation. We look forward, not to the birth of a child, but to the arrival of our Lord and our God.