

Look for Heaven, Wait for Heaven, Talk to Heaven

Romans 12:12

Romans 12:9-13

1.) Rejoicing in Hope

A.) Rejoicing is to be in a state of happiness and well being.

Psalm 16:9, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices..."

Psalm 16:11, "...In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy..." (Luke 6:23)

B.) Hope is Future

Romans 8:24, "...hope that is seen is not hope..."

Titus 2:13

1 Peter 1:13, "...rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"

C.) The Great Goal of the Christian is to See Jesus in a New Heavens and New Earth

D.) This is a Hope That The Worst Sinner Can Have

Romans 5:1-2

E.) Two Reasons You Might Not Be Rejoicing in Hope:

i.) You Don't Have the Hope

ii.) You Do Have Trials

James 1:2

Matthew 5:11-12

"...rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

(Acts 5:41)

Romans 5:3

1 Peter 4:12

2.) Be Patient in Tribulation

A.) Affliction is the Normal Christian Life

Acts 14:22

Matthew 10:34-36

B.) It is Normal For God to Leave us in Affliction for a Long Time

C.) Waiting is a Central Act of Faithfulness

Romans 8:23 "...eagerly waiting for the adoption."

1 Corinthians 1:7, "...eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Galatians 5:5

*"...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, **10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10*

1 Peter 3:12

"...looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude 21)

3.) Continuing Steadfastly in Prayer

A.) We are Not Constant in Prayer Because We Want to Be Self-Reliant

1 Peter 5:6-7

B.) We are Not Constant in Prayer Because We Stop Trusting God