

ROMANS 5:3-5 (ESV)

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- 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
- 4 and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
- 5 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.

sufferings: *difficult or bad circumstances*

produces: *creates (develops)*

endurance: *patience (the ability to continue in difficult circumstances)*

character: *good qualities in a person that show he's becoming more like Jesus*

hope: *knowing that good will come*

shame: *embarrassment*

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DID YOU KNOW? The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to Christians in Rome, a city in Italy. Paul wrote a lot about the Gospel, the good news of Jesus. He told the Romans that everyone has sinned (Romans 3:23) which leads to death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus (Romans 6:23). If we believe in Jesus, God gives us that gift (Romans 10:9-10) and we are saved.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Rejoice in our sufferings?! Paul writes that we should have joy even when bad things happen because it makes us more like Jesus. God is always in control. Even when we don't understand what He is doing we can trust that He loves us and is making our faith stronger. When we have strong faith, we act more like Jesus. And when we act more like Jesus we know that God's love and power are at work in us. And if we have that, then we can be sure of the hope we have because of Christ. So, even in our sufferings we'll always have hope and can rejoice.