

Eight Blessings of Salvation. Sermon 3

The blessing of rejoicing in hope.

Romans 5:2 “...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

As Christians our true rejoicing is upon the basis of our hope in the glory of God. The word hope here means confidence in God’s glory because of the salvation He has given to us.

A. The believer’s main reason is our hope.

1. We are justified by faith, and that justification is our reason that we can have true Hope, and that we can rejoice in it.
2. Paul wrote “*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*” **Romans 8:24** – Our faith in God, our faith in Jesus Christ, and our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit is our faith and rejoicing. – once in heaven we have no faith and hope. Faith is our confidence in God, our hope is that faith being real in our life.
3. **Romans 12:12** “*Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;*” – what is our rejoicing in this life and this sin filled earth? It is in the glory of God because He is our hope, no matter what life brings.
4. **Psalms 16:8 - 9** “*I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (9) Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.*” - I have regarded myself always as in the presence of God, He has promised to never leave me, therefore, I struggle to always feel that, God’s eyes are constantly on me, caring for me.
5. The Psamist said, because of this faith and hope. “...I shall not be moved” because God, “...*is at my right hand...*” Albert Barnes wrote, “*To have one at our right hand is to have one near us who can defend us.*”
6. **Psalms 109:30 - 31** “*I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. (31) For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.*”

B. The Believers hope never ends in this life.

1. Faith and hope always work together and as long as a Christian has them, stand strong in them, they will always find reason to glory in God, no matter what.

2. We have both until death because we know God is at our right hand protecting us.
Therefore, we have no reason to ever lose faith or hope. **Proverbs 14:32** *"The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death."*
 3. **Job 19:25 - 27** *"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: (26) And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: (27) Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."* – Job knew a thing or two about faith and hope!
 4. The Psalmist David, in one of his more famous psalms wrote these words, *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."* **Psalms 23:4** The child of God has both hope and faith in the God of creation, why would we fear anything, He is on our right hand for our protection.
- C. Lost people have no blessings and benefits from God.
1. **Job 34:20 - 23** *"In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. (21) For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. (22) There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. (23) For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God."*
 2. The Lord "knows" and His unlimited knowledge should assure us to be un stronger hope and faith in God and our stay in life. **Isaiah 29:13 - 16** *"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: (14) "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. (15) Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? (16) Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?"* – the lost have nothing in faith or hope, much less both together.
- D. Christians have a reason to rejoice.
1. **Psalms 30:12** *"To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever."*

2. **Psalms 71:14 - 15** *“But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. (15) My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.”*
3. **Psalms 145:1 – 3** *“David's Psalm of praise. I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. (2) Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. (3) Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.”*