

Exalting in Hope and Hardship

Rom. 5:1-5

The many benefits of being justified by faith: 1-2

****We have peace with God.***

This is judicial (Col. 1:20, Eph. 6:15), yet 15:13, Jn. 14:27.

****We have access to God's grace.***

Access idea = Eph. 2:18, 3:12, which would suggest prayer,
Heb. 4:16. Grace is the new realm we now enjoy (vs. Law).

****We can exult in hope of the glory of God.***

hope: I Thess. 5:8,9, Col. 1:27, Titus 1:2, 2:13, I Pt. 1:13

glory: 8:17, 18, 21, 30, Phil. 3:20, 21, II Thess. 2:14

exult= boast, rejoice, or be joyfully confident?

Note how God is described and we are to be in Rom. 15:13.

The many benefits of hardships: 1:3-5

A contrast is set up, as in 8:18-30, where future glory is set against our present sufferings.

Hope allows afflictions to now be seen in a new light:

Js. 1:2-4, 12, I Pt. 1:6-9, Matt. 5:10, 11, Act 5:41, II Cor. 4:17

Hardships produce perseverance, which produces approved character, which produces more hope that won't disappoint (put us to shame, Ps. 25:3); this is because God pours out (extravagantly given/experienced) on us through His Spirit.

