

## **Sermon Notes**

# **Searching For Hope**

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# **Key Scriptures:** Romans 5:1-5

### Psalm 62:5-8 New International Version (NIV)

- <sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.
- <sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- <sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
- <sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

# Main Idea: In <u>every season</u> find a reason to be HOPE FILLED...

Romans 5:1a New International Version (NIV)

5a Therefore, since we have been justified through faith...

## Reason 1- Your position brings HOPE...

## 2 Corinthians 5:21 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become **the righteousness of God**.

### Romans 5:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

# Reason 2- Your possession brings HOPE...

# a) You possess acceptance.

## Romans 5:9 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

#### 1 John 2:2 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

# b) You possess access.

#### Romans 5:2 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

# c) You possess assurance.

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## 1 Peter 1:5 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

## Romans 8:31-34 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

## Romans 5:3-5 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

## Reason 3- Your privilege brings HOPE...

# a)The privilege to rejoice.

## Romans 8:28 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> And **we know** that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

# b)The privilege to recognize.

Tribulation – Pressure
Patience - Endurance
Experience - Proven Character or Maturity
Hope - The confident expectation that we will not be disappointed.

# c)The privilege to rest.