Sermon Notes

Romans 5:1-5
"Therefore, since we have been justified
by faith,...
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."

Intro

1. Prayer

Main Idea-

We can rejoice in our sufferings because we are justified by faith not works, we hope because the Holy Spirit is at work in us

2. Context or romans until this point
    a. Wrote in AD 57 from Corinth
    b. Wrote to the christians in Rome
    c. Wrote as a missionary support letter for his trip to spain
        i. Intent to remind them of truth and help them create an urgency to evangelize
3. Before and after this passage
    a. Romans 1-3 talks about our sin and the need for the gospel
    b. Romans 3-4 talks about our justification as christians
    c. Romans 5-8 talks about the **results of being right with God**
    d. Romans 9-11 talks about jewish problems (with answers) with justification
    e. Romans 12-15 the implications of justification

Justified by faith

1) Justification does not come by works but by faith
    a) **Romans 4**- What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in[a] him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,
    b) Whats the problem with Justification by works?
    c) "But those who believe and do righteous deeds — they will have the Gardens of Paradise as a lodging." (**Surah Al-Kahf 18:107**)

i) The stress brought by works based justification
ii) The Pharisees and legalism
iii) Jesus was the only one who was able to fulfill the law

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What about the suffering

1) How does suffering come to us?
    a) Trials- a test of the performance, qualities, or suitability of someone or something.
    b) Tribulations- a cause of great trouble or suffering
    c) We play a part in both, but in tribulations we are the secondary character
2) Results of suffering
    a) Endurance
        i) Ultra marathon suffering
        ii) Suffering is essential for endurance
    b) Character
        i) The means for sanctification is enduring through suffering
        ii) My testimony about losing my parents
            (1) Feeling lost without a father
            (2) The call of the HS
            (3) The change in character not the situation
    c) Hope
        i) With change of character comes hope
        ii) We Hope bc of the HS' work in us
        iii) Evidence in the new man and heart of flesh
        iv) Hope that god will bring his work to completion
            (1) **Philippians 1:6** And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
    d) Hope that is real
        i) We are not ashamed of our hope b/c it is real
        ii) Hope in the Good news
        iii) **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
        iv) "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"

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Application

1) lean into the suffering
2) Ask <u>what</u> is God trying to teach me not <u>why</u> is this happening
    a) **Romans 8:28** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those who are called according to his purpose
3) Remember suffering is the first step in sanctification