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SERMON OUTLINE – 6 November 2016

The hope of future grace and glory – Romans 5:1-21

The story so far...

Three blessings for justified believers...

Peace with God – v1

Access into this grace in which we now stand (v2a)

The hope of the future grace and glory (2b)

- Future glory means present joy
- The fruit of suffering

How can you be sure of the hope of future grace and glory?

- The love of God (v6-11)
- Christ has overcome (v12-21)

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

The hope of future grace and glory – Romans 5

1. What things are you presently hoping for? Are you confident they will happen?
2. Read Romans 5:1-2. Do you consider yourself someone who enjoys peace with God? Why/Why not? Describe how you understand this 'peace with God', what does it mean for your relationship? (5:1)
3. We stand in grace (v2). How do you keep reminding yourself to approach God and serve him on the basis of grace rather than on performance?
4. 'We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God' (v2). Do you consider that you are a joyful Christian? Are we a joyful church? Why / Why not? How does our future grace and glory fuel joy today?
5. Do you think there is a difference between 'rejoicing in' compared to 'rejoicing at our sufferings'. Why can Christians rejoice in the midst of suffering? Why is this not the same as saying that suffering is a good thing?
6. In the providence of God, what is the fruit our suffering produces? (v3-5).
7. The ground of our hope is the love of God? How has God proved his commitment to us? (v6-10).
8. Read verses 9-11. What is the harder thing that God has already done? What is the easier thing to be done in the future? How does this affect the certainty of our hope, our assurance of salvation?
9. [ONLY IF TIME] In verses 12-21 Paul wants to triple underline that our hope is secure because Christ has overcome the disaster of Adam's sin. How does his argument in these verses work? How has Christ overcome? Considering this table may help you answer this.

| ADAM | CHRIST |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'many died' because of sin v15• His sin brought 'condemnation' to all v16• Death reigned over all people v17• All people condemned because of his sin v18• 'people constituted sinners' by virtue of his sin v19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'grace and gift abounded for many' v15• Christ brought 'justification' v16• We 'reign in life' through Christ v17• Christ brought justification that brings new life for all v18• 'people constituted righteous' by virtue of his obedience v19 |