

III. ANTICIPATE THE GLORY OF GOD

"...and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:2b

The word "rejoice" here means to shout with joy.

"Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!" Psalm 105:3

A. The glory of God is witnessed in Jesus.

"looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," Titus 2:13

B. The glory of God is revealed in creation.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." Psalm 19:1

C. The glory of God is fulfilled in heaven.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

"3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:3-4

GROWING THROUGH OUR CRISIS DON'T JUST GO THROUGH OUR CRISIS, GROW THROUGH IT Growing From Misery To Joy Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. The world is in a crisis! The Coronavirus is OUR crisis. We did not choose this crisis, but we do choose how we respond to it. We can choose to just go through it or better yet we can choose to GROW through it. The choice is up to you!

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

II Peter 3:18

B. The Growing Through Our Crisis teaching series will help you grow spiritually through this crisis. This will be a verse by verse study of Romans 4:20-5:5. You will discover four opportunities to grow through our crisis. The messages include:

Apr 12 Growing From Unbelief To Faith

TODAY Growing From Misery To Joy

Apr 26 Growing From Ignorance To Knowledge

May 3 Growing From Despair To Hope

C. **TEXT:** Romans 5:1-2 (Pew Bible/Page 1107/New Testament)

**DON'T JUST GO THROUGH THIS CRISIS;
GROW YOUR JOY THROUGH IT!**

GROWING FROM MISERY TO JOY

I. MAKE PEACE WITH GOD

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” Romans 5:1

- Peace with God is received by being justified by faith.
- Justification means Christians stand before God just as if we never sinned.

A. Your problem is sin.

“They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.”
Psalm 14:3

“There is none righteous, no, not one;” Romans 3:10

B. Your solution is Jesus.

*“23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God set forth as propitiation by His blood, through faith,...”* Romans 3:23-25a

C. Your decision is to believe.

“10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

II. MAXIMIZE ACCESS TO GOD

“through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand,...” Romans 5:2a

A. You have direct access to God at any time.

“in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.” Ephesians 3:12

“But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance;” Hebrews 9:7

*“50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.
51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;...”* Matthew 27:50-51a

“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” I Peter 2:5

B. You maximize that access by praying.

*“19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”* Hebrews 10:19-22

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11