

III. OUR HOPE IS AVAILABLE (5:6-8)

A. God is for us!

“31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” John 8:31-32

B. Jesus demonstrated His love for sinners like all of us on the cross.

“30 And their scribes and the harisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

31 Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” Luke 5:30-32

C. Receive Jesus and receive hope.

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” I Timothy 1:15

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

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

GROWING THROUGH OUR CRISIS DON'T JUST GO THROUGH OUR CRISIS, GROW THROUGH IT Growing From Despair To Hope 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
Apr 19 Growing From Misery To Joy
Apr 26 Growing From Ignorance To Knowledge
TODAY Growing From Despair To Hope

C. **TEXT:** Romans 5:5-8 (Pew Bible/Page 1107/New Test.)

GROWING FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

“Hope” in the Bible is a confident and positive expectation of good. Our hope is based on God’s love for us proven by the victorious sacrifice of Jesus.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

I Peter 1:3

I. OUR HOPE IS DEPENDABLE (5:5a)

A. People will sometimes disappoint you.

“12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng.

22 Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”

Psalm 55:12-14,22

B. Jesus will never disappoint you.

“It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.”

Psalm 118:8

II. OUR HOPE IS SUPERNATURAL (5:5b)

A. Christians receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

Ephesians 1:13

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

B. The Holy Spirit establishes in our hearts that God loves us.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

John 15:13

“35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:35-39