

“Blessed Perspective”

Romans 5:3-5

- 1) What was said to be the “paradox” of the Christian life?
- 2) What does the New Testament teach us with respect to tribulations? (see, for example, John 16:33; Acts 14:22; 1 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 3:12; 1 Pt. 4:12)
- 3) Why does Paul bring “our tribulations” into the discussion at this point?
- 4) What “tribulations” is he referring to?
- 5) What is to be our response to “our tribulations”?
- 6) What are some more characteristic responses to trouble and suffering?
- 7) Why are we able to “exult” in our tribulations? What is it that we as believers should understand (“know”) about them? (see also James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Rom. 8:28)
- 8) Explain how “tribulation brings about (produces) perseverance.”
- 9) Explain how “perseverance brings about (produces) proven character.”
- 10) Explain how “proven character brings about (produces) hope.”
- 11) What “ultimately” accounts for this “process”? (consider Rom. 5:2; 8:28; Phil. 1:6)
- 12) In light of this section how can we practically apply these truths to the next “pressure” what will come our way?
- 13) In what way can those “blessings” of vv. 1-2 be a help to us?
- 14) What does Paul mean when he says in verse 5, “hope does not disappoint (put us to shame, ESV)”?

15) What reason does Paul give why we may be confident that our hope will be realized?