

The Pouring of the Love of God into the Heart
Romans 5:3-5
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Review

Theme of Romans: The gospel of God (1:16-17)

1:18-3:20 The universality of _____ (the universal need for the gospel)

3:21-4:25 The gospel (good news) as _____.

Chs 5-8 The gospel and the sure hope it gives

5:1-11 Blessed results of justification

- Peace with God (1)
- Access into the presence of God, who has given us His grace in which we stand secure before Him (2a)
- Hope of seeing the glory of God and being conformed to His glorious character, a hope in which we rejoice (2b)

Paraphrase of 5:3-4:

We also rejoice in our sufferings, being thankful for them because of what God has revealed concerning His loving purpose them (3a).

He has purposed to use our sufferings to produce in us endurance in living for Him (3b).

And as He produces endurance, He in turn produces proven character in us. He refines our character, giving proof that we are His children and our faith is real (4a).

And as He we see how He is at work conforming us to the image of His Son, our hope of the glory of God is strengthened; our assurance grows (4b).

The trials the Christian suffers, far from shaking his hope, make his hope all the more sure in his mind!

- After this coronavirus outbreak is over, genuine Christians will be all the more assured of their salvation and future glorification

The certainty of our hope (5a)

“hope”

1. The “hope of the glory of God” (verse 2)
2. The hope that character “produces” (verse 4)

“does not put us to shame”

1. NASB “disappoint”
2. The Greek verb can be used “of the shame and disappointment that come to one whose faith or hope is shown to be in vain”¹
3. **Psa. 22:4–5** In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were **not put to shame**.
4. **Psa. 25:2–3** O my God, in you I trust;
let me **not be put to shame**;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be **put to shame**;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
5. **Psa. 119:115–116** Depart from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commandments of my God.
Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,
and let me **not be put to shame** in my hope!

Rom. 4:18 “In **hope** he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, ‘So shall your offspring be.’”

- Abraham’s hope did not put him to shame, for the LORD fulfilled His promise

The hope of the sinner who has been justified by faith is a hope that will not put you to shame...

1. in eternity
2. now

What makes this hope certain in our minds (5b)

“God’s love”

- *Question:* How would you describe God's love?

“has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

1. The word ‘poured’ is connected with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Acts 2:16–17 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will **pour out my Spirit** on all flesh,

¹ BDAG Greek lexicon

Acts 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he [Jesus] has **poured out** this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Acts 10:45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out** even on the Gentiles.

2. The word ‘poured’ is connected, in turn, with every believer’s reception of the Spirit

Titus 3:4–7 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he **poured out on us** richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3. When the Christian was justified, he received the Holy Spirit, and at that time the Father poured His love into our hearts through the indwelling Holy Spirit, so that our heart is now filled with His love for us
4. This is connected with...
 - **Romans 8:14-17**
 - **1 Corinthians 2:12**
5. This is primarily about the Holy Spirit making us to know that we are loved by God as His adopted children
6. Though this love is spoken of as the Father’ love, it is tied together with the Son’s love and the Spirit’s love for the believer
7. God intends that this love would forevermore be very precious to the believer

Rom. 1:7a To all those in Rome who are **loved by God** and called to be saints:

Gal. 2:20b And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me** and gave himself for me.

2 Cor. 5:14–15 For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Eph. 3:18–19 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know **the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Question: What are the various ministries of the Holy Spirit to the believer?

2 Cor. 1:21–22 “And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and **given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.**”

1. Also 2 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:14
2. The Holy Spirit has been given to the Christian as a permanent guarantee and will never leave
3. Objections to this teaching are wrongly made on the basis that the Holy Spirit left Saul (1 Sam 16:14)
 - But the Spirit never indwelt Saul. The Spirit empowered him for kingship. The Spirit left him after the Lord had David anointed to be the next king.
4. As the guarantee, the Holy Spirit works in us to bring toward completion the good work of salvation that God has begun in us

The Holy Spirit who has this ministry to us, has poured out God’s love in our hearts, giving us certainty of mind (assurance) concerning the hope of the glory of God!

Conclusion

Our Triune God is at work in multiple ways to give the Christian assurance

1. Using our sufferings to produce proven character and strengthened hope (5:3-4)
2. Pouring out His love in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (5:5)