

— Romans 5.5-11 —
The Assurance of Our Hope

Romans 5.5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

* **In the Bible**, “hope” is a virtual synonym for _____.

Heb 6.11 ... the full assurance of hope ...

* **Hope is** particularly connected to the promise of the _____.

Job 19.25 “I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

Act 26.6 “I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers ... ⁸ Why should it be through incredible by you that God raises the dead?” ... ^{28,20} “[F]or the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.”

Rom 8.23 [W]e ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope ...

* **In this** hope, we shall not be _____ (Rm 5.5).

* **What are** we “saved” from in vs 9-10?

John 5.28 [T]he hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Rom 2.5 [I]n the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ [He] “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath

* **The basis** for our full assurance of hope in the present for what God will do in the future is what he has already done in the _____ (vs 5-6).

* **Our assurance** is not that all that shall befall us in this life will be _____, or that we shall be able to see clearly the _____ that God intends to work from it, but rather that God has already _____ his love for us once for all.

* **How do** the Israelites who came out of Egypt demonstrate this truth?

Deut 20.2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage ... ^{30,19} “I have set before you life and death ... therefore choose life ... ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life”

* **Grumbling is** the opposite of _____.

Phil 2.14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless ... children of God

* **The difference** between those who grumble against God and those who cling to God is not found in what they experience in this life, but in whether they respond to the hardships of this life in the light of God's already proven _____.

2) Christ " _____ [us] to God" (vs 10).

* **What two** things about God's love for us in the past prove God's love for us in the present and into the future?

1) What Christ did to show God's love: He _____ for us (vs 8).

3) Christ " _____ [s us] from [God's] wrath ... by His life" (vs 9-10).

2) Who we were when Christ died for us (vs 6, 8, 10)

* **God has** already done the _____ part; what remains is the _____ part. If he did the 1st, will he not do the 2nd? This is why we " _____ " in God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (vs 11). God's great act of love through Christ cannot be _____; it is the great defining act of all _____. This is our assurance that our present and future are governed by the same _____ and will surely result in our conformity to Christ's character and our sharing in his life and glory.

* **What three** things did Christ accomplish by dying for us?

1) Christ " _____ [us] by his blood" (vs 9).