

Rejoicing Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 5.

B. A normal Christian life can only be described as reigning in life like a king.

C. There are six things that we have to rejoice about.

II. Our spiritual position.

A. We have been justified by faith. This means that righteousness has been reckoned to us.

B. We have peace with God. We were enemies with God, but we are no more.

C. We stand in grace. A Christian is one who is surrounded by grace.

III. Our future prospects. Hope means overwhelming confidence that God holds one's future.

IV. In present problems.

A. The secret of rejoicing in present problems is knowing spiritual truth.

B. Paul knows that pressures produce patience. (2 Corinthians 1:8)

C. Patience is the capacity to abide.

V. In divine provision.

A. The Love of God.

1. For the ungodly.

2. For sinners.

3. For those who are hostile.

B. Salvation from the wrath of God and from what we are. We are saved by Christ's life.

VI. In God's person.

VII. In daily possibilities such as reigning in life now.

A. We need abundance of grace.

B. We need the gift of imputed righteousness.

Application questions:

1. What is our spiritual position that we have to rejoice in?

2. Why is it so difficult to rejoice in sufferings? How can you encourage others to do so?

3. How have you seen God's provision in your life recently? Spend some time in prayer giving God thanks for the work he is doing in your life.
