

## **Romans 5**

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### I. Introduction.

A. There is a past, present and future to our lives with Christ.

B. Text: Romans 5:3-5.

C. God knows that things will not be easy for a Christian.

II. God's ultimate plan is that we be conformed to Christ, and one of the ways he accomplishes this is through suffering. (Romans 8:28-29)

III. God puts us to the test. (2 Corinthians 9:2-9, Colossians 3:15)

IV. Severe affliction is part of God's plan. (2 Corinthians 8:2)

V. We must rejoice in tribulation..

A. God wants us to develop steel faith. (2 Corinthians 9:13)

B. If we fail to appropriate the grace of God daily, bitterness can form. (Hebrews 12)

VI. If Christ was willing to die for us, he would certainly not let us go.

A. God's love is always expressed in action. (1 John 3:18)

B. We have a sure foundation in Christ's love.

VII. Men are expected to love their wives as Christ loved the church. (Ephesians 5:25; 4:32)

A. We are to be kind to her.

B. We are to be understanding.

1. Every day we should tell her "I love you."

2. Every day we should do something nice for her.

3. Every day we should pay her a compliment.

C. We are to be forgiving.

VIII. Men should develop the habit of happiness.

IX. A wife should be able to know your priorities in order by your actions as God, her and then your children. She should know that next to God, she is number one in your thoughts.

X. Because we are in Jesus Christ, death holds no power over us.

XI. When we choose for Christ we are no longer in Adam—we are in Christ. The commission of sin and the penalty accompanying that has been taken care of through Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. What role does suffering have in the Christian life?

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2. How can you better love your spouse?

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3. How can we respond to suffering to make it an asset? Explain.

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