



THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Romans 5:1-11

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Celebration and depression seem to be commonplace in our world. The former is often related to a mindless, unthinking irresponsibility while the latter is connected to a hopelessness, which sees no solutions to life's problems. What should be the Christian's attitude? We should rejoice intelligently.

I. Rejoice in Your Present Position. vv. 1-2a

- A. Justified through faith.
- B. Peace with God.
- C. Standing in grace.

II. Rejoice in Your Future Prospects. v. 2b

- A. The anxiety of uncertainty.
- B. The celebration of confidence.

III. Rejoice in Your Personal Problems. vv. 3-5

- A. Rejoicing through knowing...
- B. Pressures produce perseverance...
- C. Perseverance produces character...
- D. Character produces confidence...
- E. Confidence is not misplaced...
- F. ...Because a loving God is in control.

IV. Rejoice in Your Spiritual Possessions. vv. 6-10

- A. Human need.
 - 1. What we are—sinners, ungodly, powerless, enemies.
 - 2. What we did—omission, commission.
 - 3. Where we are heading—wrath of God.
- B. Divine action.
 - 1. Loved us while yet sinners.
 - 2. Christ died for us:
 - a. Justified by His blood—deals with what we did.
 - b. Saved from wrath—deals with where we're heading.
 - c. Saved by His life—deals with what we are.

V. Rejoice in God's Person. v. 11

- A. Through the Lord Jesus Christ...
- B. We have received reconciliation...
- C. Because of who He is and what He did.

Conclusion: Christians should always be ready to celebrate.