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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

In times of suffering and sorrow, we can find hope as we reflect on the truth that a pain-free, tearless eternity awaits us

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
Eliza E. Hewitt

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

(Col 3:2 NKJV)

*(from "Our Daily Bread", Mar 22, 2016)*

**Series: Toward A New Salvation**

**UNIT: Life on God's Terms**

**NEXT WEEK**

**From Death To Life**

**(Rom 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23)**

## Unwavering Hope Rom 5:1-11

**Aim and Application of the Lesson**

The lesson teaches that as Christians, we should have **Unwavering Hope**. The **study's aim** is to realize that the way God has acted in the past ensures like actions in the future. The **study's application** is to conduct our daily lives in a positive manner because our hope is in God and His faithfulness.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

**Lesson Introduction and Background**

This text is part of Paul's long explanation of justification by faith. The book of Romans is teaching that sin is our problem and that justification by faith is the solution. It is a very encouraging doctrine, and it has implications for day-to-day living. It is not just an abstract theological truth; it is something that makes a huge difference in our spiritual growth and outlook on life, for it supplies hope. We are not without hope in the world. What is justification by faith? It is that doctrine that informs us that we can be declared righteous before God through faith in Christ. By faith, righteousness is imputed to the one who believes. Thus our salvation is given. It does not come through our own works or efforts. It is received. By God's grace we are given what we could never achieve on our own. This is the grace of God. Paul pointed out that justification gives us peace with God and allows us to hope in His glory (Rom. 5:1-2). Paul moved on in his argument to outline the effect that this doctrine has on Christian character. It allows us to draw closer to God even in our trials. We are able to develop patience and hope. How does that work? Well, justification makes us right with God and is accompanied by the Holy Spirit's entrance into our lives. Therefore, because of justification, we know that God is always with us and empowering us all the way through this life and on into heaven. This gives us the sure hope that we are not left alone in this world. The ground of the experience of this hope is the love of God, which we experience as the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts. He not only dwells in our hearts, but He is also "shed abroad" in our hearts. This is a rich term of fullness and refers to something that is poured out. When we are justified by faith, the Holy Spirit pours out the blessing of the presence of God in our lives. Because of justification, we know that God loves us and that He is with us. This makes a big difference in facing the challenges of life. Many people are greatly embittered over the losses and sorrows of life. They have no hope. They have no sense that God is with them. But the believer knows that God's Spirit has come to abide in his heart through faith in Christ. God is with us. He will be with us through everything we face in life. Therefore, justification is not a mere abstract doctrine. It results in the presence of God in our lives. We also see the result of this hope. Hope does not result in shame or disappointment. The hope that God gives us brings a sense of triumph to our lives, even in our trials and sorrows. We know we are saved, and we know that God loves us and abides with us. Therefore we are not permanently discouraged, but we always remain keenly aware of His great promises of salvation. So our hope in Christ helps us overcome the disappointments that inevitably come in life. And we believe and keep believing. Our hope sustains us.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### Reasons To Rejoice In Hope (Rom 5:1-5)

*Hope can bring peace (1)*

Peace that comes as a part of the Kingdom of God (Rom 14:17-18)

Peace that Jesus brought by destroying the barrier (Eph 2:14-16)

Peace that comes through the blood of Jesus (Col 1:19-20)

Peace that comes from the God of peace (1 Thess 5:23)

*Hope provides access to grace (2)*

Access through the gate (John 10:7-9)

Access through the way (John 14:6)

Access through the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:18)

Access through faith (Eph 3:12)

Access through the blood of Jesus (Heb 10:19-20)

Access through the sympathetic High Priest (Heb 4:14-16)

*Hope develops character (3-4)*

Builds character through Jesus being revealed in our lives (2 Cor 4:8-10)

Builds character through the testing of faith (James 1:2-4)

Builds character through service (2 Cor 9:13)

Builds character through perseverance (James 1:12)

Builds character through the refining of our faith (1 Peter 1:7)

*Hope comes as part of the gift of the Holy Spirit (5)*

A gift that is received at the time of repentance and rebirth (Acts 2:38)

Gift of the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing ownership of God (2 Cor 1:22)

Gift of the Holy Spirit to signify being a child of God (Gal 4:6)

Gift of the Holy Spirit as a seal until redemption (Eph 1:13-14)

Gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and empower (Eph 3:16-17)

### God's Ways of Providing Hope (Rom 5:6-11)

*Through Jesus' death (6-7)*

Jesus' death brings us to God (1 Peter 3:18)

Jesus' death proves what true love is about (1 John 3:16)

Jesus' death allowed Him to live in and through us (Gal 2:20)

Jesus' death allowed Him to be the mediator of a new covenant (Heb 9:15)

*Through God's love (8)*

Love that prompted God to provide Jesus as our sacrifice (John 3:16)

Love that is incomparably rich (Eph 2:6-7)

Love that God expressed in mercy (1 Tim 1:15-16)

Love that is defined as Jesus laying down His life for us (1 John 3:16)

Love that shows itself through living through Jesus (1 John 4:9-10)

*Through Jesus' blood (9)*

God defined the blood as the atonement vehicle for sins (Lev 17:11)

The law states that blood cleanses everything (Heb 9:22)

Jesus' blood reconciled man to God (Col 1:19-20)

Our conscience has been washed and cleansed by Jesus' blood (Heb 10:22)

*Through reconciliation through Jesus (10-11)*

A reconciliation that brings peace with God (Eph 2:14-16)

A reconciliation that requires a humble seeking of God and a repentant heart (2 Chron 7:14)

A reconciliation of the mind and body (Col 1:21-22)

A reconciliation where God does not count sins against His people (2 Cor 5:17-19)