

Living in Love – The Basis of Hope

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Text: Romans 5:1-5

A New Basis for Boasting

- The two sides of _____ (Phil 2:3).
- The basis of our boasting is _____.

We Rejoice in Our Sufferings

- What does Paul instruct us to do (Heb 12:5-11; 1 Pe 1:6-7; Jas 1:2-4)?
- Our present sufferings are _____ (2 Co 4:16-18).

God's Love is the Basis of Our Certain Hope

- Being fallible, we _____ with our need to be loved.
- How doe God address our _____ about His love?

Satan Will Erode Our Confidence in God's Love

- Satan _____ of love.
- Satan's tactic is to get us to _____ God's love.
- Satan _____ our motivation for mission.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- When is pride sinful? When is it valid and valuable?
- Paul suggests that we boast in Romans 5:2. About whom does he want us to boast? Why?
- In Galatians 6:14, Paul insists that Christian boasting be centered in the cross of Christ. About what else might Christians be inclined to boast (Gal 6:12-13)?
- What is the difference between boasting *in* our sufferings and taking joy in the trouble and chaos they cause?
- In what ways does God make earthly adversity beneficial to us? How might this shape our outlook on life?
- How do our present sufferings and Christian hope coincide?
- Do you ever struggle with being confident in God's love for you? What does that struggle look like? How do you attempt to address it?
- What are some ways Satan attempts to undermine God's love in our lives? What happens when he succeeds?
- How can we overcome Satan's attack on God's love?