

**5** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.<sup>1</sup>

**5** Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.<sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.<sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

<sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version\*](#) (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989), Ro 5:1–5.

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<sup>2</sup> Tyndale House Publishers, [\*Holy Bible: New Living Translation\*](#) (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Ro 5:1–5.

*Paul Thanks God for the Colossians*

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>**because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth,** the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—

<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, **without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel** that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

<sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

[\*The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version\*](#) (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989), Col 1, selections.

<sup>3</sup>We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, <sup>5</sup>**which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation** ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

<sup>21</sup>This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup>Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

<sup>23</sup>But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. **Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.** The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

<sup>27</sup>For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: **Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.**

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