

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF SALVATION IN CHRIST
PART TWO: "EXULTATION IN TRIBULATION"
ROMANS 5:3-5

I. THE BIBLE IS VERY CANDID ABOUT THE SUFFERINGS BELIEVERS WILL HAVE TO ENDURE IN THIS LIFE.

- A. The Elect Are Subject To All Of The Afflictions Of Life That Lost People Experience.
- B. The Elect Are Subject To Even Greater Pressure Because Of Their Position.
- C. The Elect Are Subject To The Scrutiny Of Their Reaction To The Acid Tests Of Their Christianity.

II. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT A BELIEVER CAN BE JUST AS JUBILANT IN HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS HE IS IN THE PROSPECT HIS FUTURE.

- A. This Is So Because Of What He Knows (5:3)
- B. This Is So Because The Circumstances Of Life "Work Down" To Their Proper Conclusions.

III. THE BIBLE SUGGESTS A PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES PROGRESSIVE STAGES (5:3-5)

- A. Tribulation Produces Patience (Endurance)
- B. Patience Produces Experience (Genuine Approval)
- C. Experience Produces Hope
 - 1. That Hope Will Not Put Us To Shame
 - 2. That Hope Will Be Accompanied By An Outpouring Of God's Sustaining Love.