**Where’s the Joy**

Romans 5:1-11

May 22nd, 2018

Part 1

 On a scale of 1 – 10 how would you rate your level of joy?

I. This Passage looks at the Past, Present and Future

 A. Verse 1-a “therefore having been justified by faith…” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 B. Verse 1-b “We have peace” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 verse 2 “By whom also we have access by faith into this grace. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 C. Verses 9-10

II. The Passage presents 3 Major Benefits

 A. Verse 1 “We have peace”- present tense - means to continue to have peace.

 B. Verse 2 “We have obtained our introduction (access) by faith into this grace.”

 C. Verse 2-b “Rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

III. Three Levels of Rejoicing

 Verse 2-b “we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

 Verse 3 “We rejoice in tribulation”

 Verse 11 We rejoice or joy in God (Himself)

 A. Verse 2-b What is this?

 B. Verse 3 “We rejoice in tribulations”

 Tribulation is part of the work that builds character qualities.

 1. Perseverance/patience – verse 3-b

 Word means to abide under and to be steady

 2. Brings about proven character/experience – verse 4-a

 3. These lead to hope – verse 4-b, 5