

Paul's Letter to the
Romans
Ch. 12:12



LET US:

1. Rejoice in Hope.
2. Persevere in Tribulation.
3. Devoted to Prayer.



ROMANS 12:9-12



- 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
- 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,**
- 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

ROMANS 12:12A

“Rejoicing in hope.....



WHAT HOPE DO WE REJOICE IN?

Titus 1:2 “In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago....”

Titus 2:13 “Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,”

John 14:3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

Acts 23:6 “[Paul] “...I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead.”

Heb 10:23 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”



ROMANS 12:12_B



“....persevering in tribulation”

“PERSEVERANCE”



- ✓ Assumes opposition.
- ✓ Assumes something is going to be fighting against you.
- ✓ Assumes something is seeking to stop you from getting where you want to go.
- ❖ The word means “(1) to stay in a place beyond an expected point of time, remain/stay (behind), while others go away...(2) To maintain a belief or course of action in the face of opposition, stand one’s ground, hold out, endure.”^{BDAG}



“IN TRIBULATION, ENDURING”

- Means “Pressure, or pressing”
- James 1:2-3 “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

PERSEVERE IN TRIBULATION

Rev. 2:7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.”

Rev. 2:11 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.”

Rev. 2:17 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”

Rev. 2:26 “He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.”

Rev. 3:21 “He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”



2 COR. 6:4-10

“But in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger”

“in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.”



JOHN FLAVEL

IN "PREPARATION FOR SUFFERING"



“He [God] had rather their hearts [The Christian] should be heavy under adversity, than vain and careless under prosperity; the choicest spirits have been exercised with the sharpest sufferings, and those that now shine as stars in heaven, have been trod underfoot as dung on the earth.”



“By perseverance the snail reached the ark.”

~Charles Spurgeon

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ROMANS 12:12C

“...devoted to prayer.”



JESUS AND PRAYER

Luke 5:16 “But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.”

Matt. 14:23 “After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.”

Mark 1:35 “In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.”

Luke 6:12 “It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.”



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