

Glory Hungry

I. Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

II. Introduction

“Why did Michael Phelps keep returning to a brutal training regimen in the pool, long after he achieved every imaginable accolade as a swimmer? Why do business executives who have earned hundreds of millions of dollars, even billions, work relentlessly to earn even more, long after it could possibly make any material difference in their lives? Why is it that in our country 426 billion dollars is spent annually on cosmetic products, which is 90% more than what is spent on overall fitness /health? Why does a substantial group of politicians with no remote chance of being elected president feel compelled to traverse the country campaigning 18 hours a day for more than two years?”

- Tony Schwartz

III. Big Idea

If in Christ we're reconciled to God, neither our present suffering nor future judgment will prevent us from sharing in His glory.

- Hope of Glory
- Threats to Glory
- Basis for Glory

IV. Hope of Glory

“Believers are certain now that the glory Adam lost will be restored to them. Indeed, the glory restored to believers will be even greater than the glory Adam once had, for believers will be conformed to the second Adam, Jesus Christ.”

- Thomas Schreiner

V. Threats to Glory

“Your afflictions may only prove that you are more immediately under the Father's hand. There is no time that the patient is such an object of tender interest to the surgeon, as when he is bleeding beneath his knife. So you may be sure if you are suffering from the hand of a reconciled God, that His eye is all the more bent on you.”

- Robert Murray Mccheyne

VI. Basis for Glory

VII. Conclusion
