

Let Your Light Shine – Through Hope

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 we rejoice in the hope of the Glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. 5 And 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. Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

HOPE: The Essential Ingredient

Hold
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Our current situation here on earth may appear dire and perhaps insurmountable, but we DO have Jesus! As Christians, we *hold onto* the promise of *peace eternal* through our faith.

Hope acts as the perpetual Light in the midst of darkness.

I encourage you to use prayer as a time to reflect the good in the world and thank God for all your many blessings. Try to stay positive and say 'no' to the negative. Keep involved with people and focus on the good in them. Help bring joy into others' lives and celebrate life.

We can manage to make it through these tough times because we have the *essential ingredient* of **HOPE**: Jesus!

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