As Christians, we have been justified by faith and therefore have peace with God and a hope for the future to <u>rejoice</u> in.

We can even <u>rejoice</u> in our present sufferings because we know that God is at work through them to mature us and to strengthen our hope which will not be disappointed.

We ultimately <u>rejoice</u> in God who has loved us and saved us.

Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have about today's passage?
- 2. In 5:1 is there any uncertainty about the believer's justified status and relationship of peace with God? Why is it so important for Christians to be assured of these things?
- 3. In 5:2 we rejoice in the "hope of the glory of God". What does this mean?
- 4. Have you walked through suffering and trials that God has used to strengthen and mature your faith? What did this look like in your own life?
- 5. Are you currently walking through a time of suffering? Can you choose to rejoice in this suffering, knowing that God will use it for your growth?
- 6. How have you experienced God's love being poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit?
- 7. In the description of God's love in verses 6-10 what stands out to you most? Why?