

THREE REASONS TO JUMP FOR JOY

#3 – The Domino Effect

(Romans 5:3,4)

Introduction:

● We have been learning about three reasons to jump for joy

1. P_____ with God – not a feeling but treaty of harmony with God put into effect by _____ (Jesus) and can be cancelled by _____
2. H_____ - not a wish, but a certainty of our glorious future when we will reflect God's g_____ perfectly. The gift of the Holy Spirit, who h_____ us reflect God's glory in this life, guarantees that future.
3. The Domino Effect – we do not rejoice because of tribulation but because of what we k_____ results from it.

Pressure Produces Perseverance (3)

● The starting domino is tribulation (trouble, affliction)

1. The Greek word literally means “_____” and pictures a person being pressed by adverse circumstances.
 - a. Commonly refers to p_____ for faith in Jesus
 - 1) Matt 24:9 – Jesus prophesied that the apostles would be delivered up to tribulation and be k_____
 - 2) Act 14:22 – Paul instructed believers that through many tribulations we m_____ enter God's kingdom
 - 3) Acts 11:19 – the persecution of believers after the stoning of Stephen was called tribulation
 - 4) Rev 1:9 – John wrote that he was a fellow partaker with the c_____ in tribulation.
 - 5) Rev 7:9 – pictures all believers (from every tribe, tongue, etc) as coming out of the G_____ tribulation)
 - b. It sometimes refers to troubles in general
 - 1) Jn 16:21 – l_____ pains of child birth
 - 2) Matt 24:21 – the events leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem, which happened in _____ A.D.
 - 3) Acts 7:11 – problems that accompany f_____
 - 4) 1 Cor 7:28 – m_____ pressures
 - 5) Jms 1:27 – widow & orphan pressures
2. This pressure produces perseverance (patience, endurance)
 - a. The Christian life is often compared to a l_____ distance race (e.g. Heb 12:1)
 - b. The course set before you may be different than another's (persecution, ill-health, tragedy, etc), but you cannot escape tribulation (Jn 16:33)
 - c. What choice do you have but to keep your e_____ fixed on Jesus and endure!

Perseverance Produces Proven Character (4a)

● The second domino, perseverance, triggers another – proven character (KJV – experience; NIV – character)

1. The Greek word means to approve of something after t_____ it (it was used to test the purity of precious metals)
2. Our Christian c_____ is being tested as we face the pressures of life, proving our faith as genuine

- a. Those who profess to believers but reject Christ in their trials, were never believers in the first place.
 - 1) Matt 13:21 – Jesus stated that some will respond e_____))_____ to their circumstances (key word is immediately) and so produce no fruit.
 - 2) Col 1:22,23 – Paul states that if a person does not continue in the f_____ then they were never reconciled.
 - 3) I Cor 15:1,2 – Paul states that the if a person who seems to have been saved does not hold to the gospel, then their faith was in v_____ (empty, not faith at all)
- b. True Christians may fail in their trials, but they will never reject Christ – their faith will eventually s_____
- c. Jms 1:3 states that we need to let trials have its p_____ or intended result – to improve you!

Proven Character Produces a Proper Perspective (4b)

- The third domino, proven character, triggers another – h_____
 - 1. Hope is looking at things from God’s v_____ and so gives us a proper perspective (Last weeks’s message)
 - 2. How do you view life?
The course is set before you – Let God have His Way with you!