

REJOICING IN GOD

INTRODUCTION

- A. One clear mark of a true Christian is that he always rejoices. Three times in Romans 5 we are given reasons for rejoicing:
 - 1. “*We rejoice in hope,*” vs. 2.
 - 2. “*We rejoice in our sufferings,*” vs. 3.
 - 3. “*We rejoice in God,*” vs. 11.
- B. We rejoice (exult or boast) in God, vs. 11.
 - 1. The Jews boasted in God, 2:17.
 - a. More for what God had done for them.
 - b. God guided them from Egypt to the Promised Land.
 - c. God had given them the Law, 3:2.
 - d. A boasting in God..., because of what He has done for us!
 - 2. We rejoice in God because of who and what God is!
 - a. There Is a God (*Read*)
 - b. The book of Job:
 - i. 10:4-7, 12; 11:7-11
 - ii. God’s answer: chap. 38-39 (vss. 4-7).
 - iii. Job’s response: 40:4; 42:2-3, 5
- C. Paul reminds us that everything that comes to us comes “*through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”
 - 1. Jn. 14:6-10 – know God through Christ.
 - 2. When we see the greatness of Christ, we see the greatness of God, Jn. 1:1, 14.

I. THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST.

- A. Record of Achievements.
 - 1. Worship of the shepherds and royalty at birth, Lk. 2:8-20; Mt. 2:1-12.
 - 2. Amazement at His learning at age of 12, Lk. 2:47.
 - 3. No less than 34 specific miracles written about: nature, sickness, death.
 - 4. His teaching as an adult held in high esteem, Mt. 7:28-29; 13:54.
 - 5. His betrayal and trial, and then His crucifixion and resurrection.
- B. Comparison of Adam and Christ, vss. 12-21.
 - 1. Adam.
 - a. Sin entered the world through one man, vs. 12.
 - b. Punishment for sin was death, vs. 12.
 - c. Because of the disobedience of Adam, all were made sinners, vss. 13-14.
 - d. Judgment followed one sin and it brought condemnation, vs. 16.
 - e. The result of the trespass of one man was condemnation for all men, vs. 18.
 - 2. Christ.
 - a. By grace of Christ, grace overflows to all men, vs. 15.
 - b. The gift follows many trespasses and brought justification, vs. 16.
 - c. Those receiving God’s grace will reign in life through Jesus Christ, vs. 17.
 - d. One act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men, vs. 18.
 - e. Because of the obedience of Christ, many will be made righteous, vs. 19.

3. The Place of the Law, vss. 20-21.
 - a. Never given to make men do right.
 - b. Not given to make man sin – emphasized the sinfulness of transgression.
 - c. It was given to show the extent of sin.
 - d. Sin and death once ruled, but now grace is the ruling factor.

CLOSING

- A. We boast in God, for who and what He is!
- B. Reminded of His wonderful love for us, John 3:16 (Rom. 5:6-10).

OUR GOD, HE IS ALIVE

There is, beyond the azure blue,
A God, concealed from human sight.
He tinted skies with heav'nly hue
And framed the worlds with His great might.

There was, a long, long time ago,
A God whose voice the prophets heard.
He is the God that we should know,
Who speaks from His inspired Word.

Secure, is life from mortal mind,
God holds the germ within His hand,
Tho men may search, they cannot find,
For God alone does understand.

Our God, whose Son upon a tree,
A life was willing there to give,
That He from sin might set man free,
And evermore with Him could live.

There is a God, He is alive,
In Him we live, and we survive;
From dust our God created man,
He is our God, the great I AM.