

## Pastor's Bible Study

Forty-Two Days with the Apostle Paul

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Hope is found throughout the writings of Paul. Here are some of the places where I was reminded of the hope of the gospel as I read the Letter to the Romans.

1. **“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” Romans 4:7–8**

Hope: I am declared “blessed”  
because \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Romans 4:20–21**

Hope: I can grow strong in my faith as I give God the \_\_\_\_\_ (worship) convinced that God is \_\_\_\_\_ to do what He \_\_\_\_\_!

3. **Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope. Romans 5:3–4**

Hope: When times are difficult, I know God is at work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

4. **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Romans 6:12**

Hope: Where scripture gives an option to me, it means that the option is \_\_\_\_\_. I do not have to \_\_\_\_\_, I do not have to be under sin's \_\_\_\_\_. There is a better way and it is available to me by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

5. **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18**

Hope: The \_\_\_\_\_ of this present time pale in comparison to what God is \_\_\_\_\_ me & \_\_\_\_\_ me.

6. **Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Romans 8:26**

Hope: the power of \_\_\_\_\_ is also seen in that the Spirit intercedes when I \_\_\_\_\_! But don't forget, you have to \_\_\_\_\_!

**7. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28**

Hope: God always \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_. I may not \_\_\_\_\_ it, or \_\_\_\_\_ it, and I certainly may not \_\_\_\_\_ it, but God has it under His \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31**

Hope: the right perspective in every situation is " \_\_\_\_\_ ."

**9. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37–39**

Hope: In a time like a Shut-down, death all around us due to COVID-19, economy crashed, etc., it is incredible to have the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that God is at work within us, keeping us, perfecting us, fitting us for His Kingdom.

**10. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12**

This is a theme verse for dealing with COVID-19. Don't let anything rob you of this. People need people who \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4**

Hope: Hope is a byproduct of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. You need both to survive difficult times.

**12. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Romans 16:20**

Hope: God will \_\_\_\_\_ Satan. He has not done so yet, so the cosmic drama continues, but Satan's \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.