THREE REASONS TO JUMP FOR JOY

#2 – Hope (Romans 5:2b,5)

Introduction:

- \bullet If a person has no hope there is no reason to
- •If a person has a false hope they are living for the
 - w_____ reason
- •Believers in Christ can jump for joy because peace with God gives rise to hope. What does this hope refer to?

Hope Refers to a Certain Future (2b, 5a)

- •Verse 2 states that we hope in the g_____ of God What is the glory of God?
 - 1. Rom 3:23 we all have sinned and fall s______ of God's glory (this refers to God's person; we were created to live in a way that reflects God's person, to glorify Him)
 - 2. 2 Cor 3:18 believers have unveiled faces that see a reflection of God's glory, like in a m
 - a. The context is the story of Moses who asked to see God's glory (Ex 33:18-23; 34:29-35)
 - 1) God allowed him to see a reflection of His glory, because no one can see His glory & 1
 - 2) Moses' face sh_____ and scared the people, so he had to cover this face with a veil.
 - b. Believers have unveiled faces to reflect God's glory
 - 1) We have seen a reflection of God's glory in J_____ (Jn 1:14)
 - 2) God is in the process of trans______ us into His glory. This process began at the moment of faith and will not be complete until Christ's coming (Rom 8:29; I Jn 3:2)
- 3. The believer's hope is in this glorious future where we will be reflecting God's glory in our lives perfectly, without any s_____ to mess us up.
- •Verse 3 states that this hope does not d_______, but how many times has that hope turned into disappointment?
- 2. This hope is certain. God g______ our glorious future with Him. Hope Refers to a Present Experience (5b)

- •Why does hope not disappoint the believer in Christ?
 - 1. Because we have experienced God's love in our h_____ through the H_____ Spirit.
 - a. This verse states that the Holy Spirit w_____ given to us, which points back to a specific time.
 - 1) The time we t Christ
 - 2) Some people teach that the Holy Spirit is given to believers some time after they accept Christ and that it is accompanied by tongues
 - a) This is a misapplication of Acts 2 which was the coming of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 16:7)
 - b) Once the Holy Spirit came to the believing world, as soon as a person trusts Christ the Holy Spirit l_____ inside them (Rom 8:9).
 - b. The Holy Spirit is like:
 - 1) an e_____ ring a promise of a future marriage with God (but it cannot be broken)

- 2) a d_____ payment (Eph 1:13,14) a pledge promising continued payments until paid in full (God cannot revoke His promises)
- 2. Who is the the Holy Spirit?
 - a. He is not an i______ force but is personal (referred to by the personal pronoun "He" in Jn 15:26).
 - b. He is not Jesus but a _____ Helper (Jn 14:6) this word refers to another helper of the same kind. As Jesus taught, confronted, comforted, and guided His disciples so the Holy Spirit does this to believers.
 - c. He is God, the L_____(2 Cor 3:17,18)
- •How do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life? If you truly have trusted Christ, the Holy Spirit will h_____ you by teaching you, convicting you, comforting you, etc. His indwelling presence is a piece of our glorious future!

Now I've a hope that will surely endure [because] heaven came down and glory filled my soul.