



BE JOYFUL
IN HOPE,
PATIENT
IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL
IN PRAYER.

ROMANS 12:12

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Three Pillars of a Christian Life

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First order to Christian believers is to “rejoice in hope.” We have a living hope that is tied to heaven and the character of God. Beyond the challenges and hardships of this life, think about the grand picture of the eternal glory that awaits us. It is beyond human comprehension; we have a reason to rejoice in hope.

Second order to Christian believers is to be “patient in affliction”. It means, to remain; not to flee, in another context it means to persevere; under trials to hang in to one’s faith in Christ. In the bible we are constantly reminded of what Jesus told His followers, “In this life you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). From this verse we can expect trouble, or affliction, in this life. But the beauty is he has overcome the world for us.

Affliction is not always a sign of God’s anger in the lives of His children. It’s a picture of His grace. If affliction was absent in our lives, we will not know what divine peace looks like. In order to experience divine provision, we have to be in need. The scripture reminds us to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. As we go through affliction, the Lord teaches us to be patient, believing that He will come through for us.

Third order is to be “faithful in prayer”. Be steadfast in praying all the way through whatever season you are in. Always pray! There are times when we may not be able to physically do anything, but you could pray. Everything you do should be soaked and wrapped in prayer. Even when you don’t have words to express your grief or sorrow, give him praise for he is worthy. All this is possible through the power of the Holy Spirit!

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The Guide to Trusting God in Everything

By Riya Malayil

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In this small verse, it tells us how we should live our Christian life. All of these things - joy, patience, and faithfulness are not separate words, but they are a whole. These things teach us how to stay close to God in every situation. Now let's talk about **joy**. Hope gives us a reason to remain joyful at all times, but true joy isn't dependent on our circumstances. It is rooted in the unchanging promises of God, which can never be broken. When we give Him our hope, we will stay joyful even if we are going through troublesome times

Second word, **patience**. Patience is the ability to be strong through all troubles, which means not giving up even if it feels unfair. We sometimes forget that trouble and suffering are a part of life, in everyone's life. But patience is there to help us get through those troubles, through the suffering. The next word we focus on is **faithfulness**. Faithfulness means having trust in God, even when we can't see the whole answer. But since he can, we have to rely on that. It's staying dedicated to prayer, in your actions and in hope. While patience helps us endure and joy lifts our hearts, faithfulness keeps us believing in God's promises.

All 3 of the words joy, patience, and faithfulness are all *connected* because they are a guide to how we should live our life with God. Joy comes from hope, giving us strength in hard times. Patience helps us endure struggles without giving up. Faithfulness keeps us praying and trusting God even when we can't see the outcome. Together, they create a sturdy life. We stay joyful because we hope, patient because we trust, and faithful because God is always with us. Each one supports the others, showing that a strong Christian life depends on combining hope, endurance, and trust. Joy, patience, and faithfulness are connected and help each other. They show us how to live fully with God and trust Him in everything.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Tuesday | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Zoom |
| Friday | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Zoom |
| Saturday | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | Church |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| EVENT | DATE | LOCATION |
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| Special Meeting | Sat. September 20th | Church |
| Fasting Prayer | Fri. & Sat, September 26-27 | Church |

PRAY FOR NATIONS

| COUNTRY | CAPITAL | EST. POPULATION |
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| South Africa | Cape Town | 64,000,000 |
| South Korea | Seoul | 51,700,000 |
| South Sudan | Juba | 11,900,000 |
| Spain | Madrid | 48,800,000 |
| Sri Lanka | Colombo | 23,200,000 |