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Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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Hope, Tribulation, and Prayer

Have you ever wondered why things come in threes? Faith, Hope, and Love are three. Today we discuss a group of three given to us by Paul in the book of Romans.

Hope—Tribulation—Prayer

What does it mean to have hope? What do we have hope in? What does it mean to have tribulations? What are the advantages of tribulation? What is prayer? Why is it so important to us as Christians today?

Paul provides us with details as to what state we should find ourselves in Hope, Tribulation, and Prayer:

We rejoice in our hope. In order to do so we must first realize what hope we have. Our hope is that one day we are changed to be like He is.

We are to be patient in tribulation. We should endure tribulation without complaining because in the end, scripture tells us that there is great gain for us in doing so.

Finally, Paul urges us to continue steadfast in prayer. Paul encourages us to not give up on prayer. According to James the “Prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

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* Rejoicing in Hope

Rejoice—Joy in a high degree

Hope—To desire something good

We rejoice in the hope of change.

We rejoice in the hope of the blessing.

* Patient in Tribulation

Patient—To stay under or remain

Tribulation—a pressing (together)

Tribulation can bring about completion.

Tribulation can lead back to hope

* Continuing Steadfast in Prayer

Continuing Steadfast—Constant diligence

Prayer—a solemn request; supplication

Pray without ceasing!

But why pray? - Lest we enter into temptation

* So what does this all mean?

Pray Always, Rejoice and be Patient during Trials,

Why? - because WE HAVE HOPE!