

# Romans Series

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# The Epistle to the ROMANS

## How to Develop Christian Virtue Romans 5:3–5



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# **The Doctrine of the Believer's Hope**

## **Part 1:**

### **The Believer's Hope in Paul's Epistle to the Romans, A summary**

**Hope is not a fruit of the Spirit, but is a mental attitude developed in the believer through the application of Scripture so that we can endure through trials.**

**Hope is based on a past promise of a future reality.**

**Hope provides the believer with confidence in future reality so certain that it strengthens and toughens the believer's mentality today to face, fight, and surmount unpleasant circumstances with a mentality of joy in the midst of difficulty.**

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## **Part 2: Paul's Emphasis on Hope**

**A summary**

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## **Part 3: Other's Emphasis on Hope**

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**“The components of virtue are justice, courage, self-control, magnificence, magnanimity, liberality, gentleness, practical and speculative wisdom” (Aristotle, Rhetoric 1366B).**



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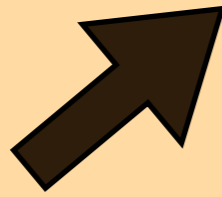
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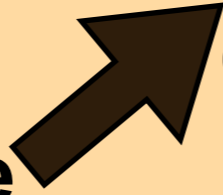
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**James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,**

**James 1:3, “because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance (*hupomone*).**

**James 1:4, “But let endurance (*hupomone*) have its maturing work, that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking nothing.”**

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**2 Peter 1:5–9**

**love  
(*agape*)**

**love for one another  
(*philadelphis*)**

**spiritual responsibility  
(*eusebeia*)**

**endurance  
(*hupomone*)**

**self-control  
(*enkrateia*)**

**knowledge  
(*gnosis*)**

**virtue  
(*arete*)**

**faith  
(*pistis*)**

**James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

**James 1:6, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”**

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**“Therefore, so that all may know that we express appropriate appreciation to those who practice the policy of making us the beneficiaries of their philanthropies, be it resolved to commend Philistos of Kos, son of Nikarchos, and crown him.”**

**An honorific statement commending a physician named Philistos of the island of Cos**

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## **A decree that honored Antiochos III:**

**“Inasmuch as Great King Antiochos has continued his ancestors’ policy of special favor toward all the Greeks, and has brought peace to some and has given aid to many who were in trouble both privately and publicly, and has brought liberty to some who had been enslaved, and during his entire reign has legislated with a view to benefiting mankind, having first rescued our city from slavery he declared it free.”**

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**“*Pietas* warns us to keep our obligations to our country or parents or other kin.”**

**~Cicero, *De inventione rhetorica* 2.66**