

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Hope Rising—Discovery
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Text: Acts 19:11-20; Romans 5:1-11

Discovery Detail #1: Hope in God leads us to discover an assurance of God's **power** through a **relationship** of faith in Jesus.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. –Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)

Discovery Detail #2: Hope in God leads us to discover an assurance of God's **presence** in the face of life's **adversity**.

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, know that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character; and character produces hope and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. –Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

Discovery Detail #3: Hope in God leads us to discover an assurance of God's **purpose** for our **life**.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. –Romans 5:6-9 (ESV)

Discovery Detail #4: Hope in God leads us to discover an assurance of God's **personal concern** for the **details** of our living.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. –Romans 5:10-11 (ESV)