

Be
joyful
in hope,
patient
in affliction,
faithful
in prayer.
ROMANS 12:12

Wake Union Baptist Church

*"Where the good news of Jesus Christ
is proclaimed in truth and love"*

The Lord's Day

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God be with you till we meet again

By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again!
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again!
God be with you till we meet again!
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again!
God be with you till we meet again!
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again!

What can believers expect to experience?

BIBLE READING: Job 1:1–12

KEY BIBLE VERSE: Take away everything he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face! (Job 1:11)

Believers shouldn't expect a safe life. Satan attacked Job's motives, saying that Job was blameless and upright only because he had no reason to turn against God. Satan accused Job of worshiping God only because God had been so good to Job.

Satan accurately analyzed why some people trust God. They are fair-weather believers, following God only when everything is going well or for what they can get.

Adversity can strengthen real faith by causing believers to dig their roots deeper into God in order to withstand the storms. How deep does your faith go? Put the roots of your faith down deep into God so that you can withstand any storm you may face.

BIBLE READING: James 1:2–16

KEY BIBLE VERSE: Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. (James 1:2)

Believers can expect difficulties. James doesn't say if the way is rough, but when it is rough. He assumes we will have trials and that it is possible to profit from them. The point is not to pretend to be happy when we face pain, but to have a positive outlook ("be happy") because of what difficulties can produce in our life. James tells us to turn our hardships into times of learning. Tough times can teach us perseverance. For other passages dealing with perseverance (also called patience and steadfastness), see Romans 2:7; 5:3–5; 8:24–25; 2 Corinthians 6:3–7; 2 Peter 1:2–9.

BIBLE READING: Romans 8:1–17

If you have sincerely trusted Christ for your salvation and acknowledged Him as Lord, then the Holy Spirit has come into your life, and you are a Christian. You won't know that the Holy Spirit has come if you are waiting for a certain feeling; you will know He has come because Jesus promised He would. When the Holy Spirit is working within you, you will believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and that eternal life comes through Him (1 John 5:5); you will begin to act as Christ directs (Romans 8:5; Galatians 5:22–23); you will find help in your daily problems and in your praying (Romans 8:26–27); you will be empowered to serve God and do His will (Acts 1:8; Romans 12:6ff); and you will become part of God's plan to build up His churches (Ephesians 4:12–13).

Handbook of Bible Application

1. How Does God Feel When He Thinks About Me?

2. Is God Like A Parent?

3. How Does God Think Of Me?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Deuteronomy 14:2
- Isaiah 43:1
- Isaiah 63:16
- Ezekiel 16:8
- Hosea 11:1
- John 1:12
- Romans 8:15
- 2 Corinthians 6:18
- Galatians 3:26
- Galatians 4:5-6
- Ephesians 1:5

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

Being adopted means the parents who are raising you said "We would love to make this kid a part of our family and love him all our lives!" So they did. It's really a wonderful thing. Christians are all adopted by God. He chooses to love us and give us a home in heaven. He loves you a lot.

1) The Unbroken Provision (18-21)

2) The Unabandoned Promise (22-25)

3) The Unspoken Prayer (26-28)

Questions and Concepts

Future glory (8:17-25)

If indeed (8:17) This phrase does not imply that our suffering is a condition for attaining glory, since Christ's suffering assures us of glory. Instead, the phrase means that sharing Christ's suffering points toward, and is evidence of, sharing His glory. Present suffering does not contradict future glory.

Frustration (8:20) "Vanity" or "futility." When Adam sinned, the curse of sin was the result. God announced the inevitable consequences: the ground that Adam would have to cultivate was cursed (see Genesis 3:17-19). The creation was meant to glorify God, but it could not do this perfectly as long as mankind, to whom God gave dominion over the creation (see Genesis 1:28), was not perfectly glorifying God. Therefore, the creation is frustrated, unable to fulfill its purpose. However, God did not leave it without hope of redemption through a descendant of Eve (see Genesis 3:15).¹

1. The creation is waiting, frustrated but with hope, for something to happen. What is it waiting for (see 8:19-22)?

2. Why is it significant that our bodies, not just our disembodied souls or spirits, will be redeemed?

3. In one sense, we have already been adopted as God's children and heirs (see 8:15-16), but in another sense, our adoption has not been completely fulfilled. The Spirit is the pledge, guarantee, and down payment of our adoption (see 8:15-16, 23).

4. What will happen when our adoption is fully realized (see 8:11, 23)? (Optional: See 1 Corinthians 15:35-44.)