

"Notes on Romans 12:12"

1-Rejoicing in hope:

1-To the Christian is given a high and exalted hope of eternal glory with God.

1-This hope so transcends in importance all;

1-Earthly trials, Troubles, Disappointments, and afflictions that in the darkest hours he may find grounds for rejoicing

2-A person may rebel and fret under present discipline, and yet may hope for better times.

3-A Christians hope, however, is for superior to any other hope.

1-A Christians hope is well founded

1-It rests upon the faithful promises of God.

2-God is designated "the God of hope."

Romans 15:13;

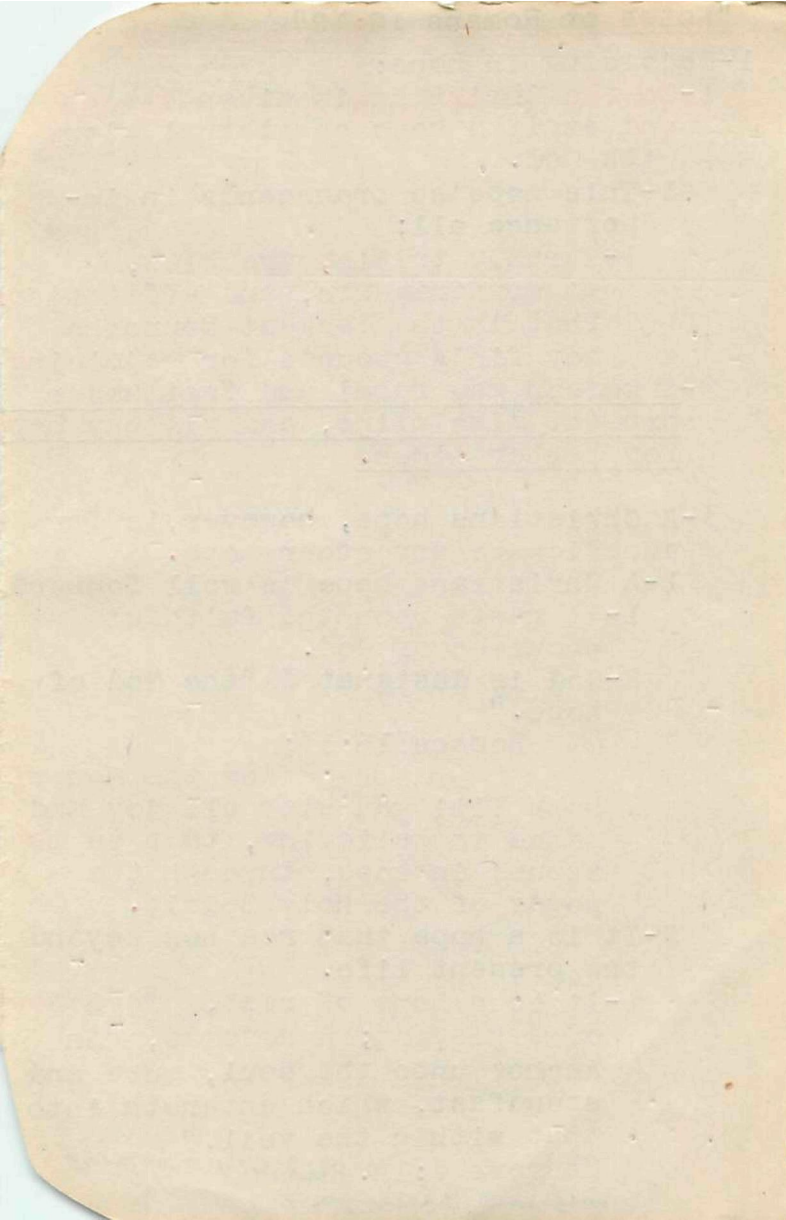
Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2-It is a hope that reaches beyond the present life.

1-It is a hope of rest, of victory of a kingdom; A hope as, "An Anchor unto the soul, sure and steadfast, which entereth into that within the veil."

Hebrews 6:19. Phil. 4:4 "rejoice

in the Lord always."



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2-Patient in Tribulation:

1-The tribulations of life are common to all mankind.

1-It is not easy for one to be patient.

2-There was no quality for which our Saviour was more to be admired than for his patience.

1-He was patient with the misunderstanding of his disciples.

2-He was patient with his enemies and murderers.

3-He was patient under insult and agony.

3-Through faith in the meek and patient Saviour and the example that he set for us, many have been able by Divine grace to overcome a;

1-Naturally impatient and imperious, hasty and violent temper.

2-James 1:4;

Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

3-Continuing steadfastly in prayer:

1-Pray without ceasing. 1; Thess. 5:17

2-I desire therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and disputing.

*a dependent, complaining, disheartened spirit that always runs on and on in accord with the Devil's will.* 1-Tim. 2:8.

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