Reflection Holy Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025

Romans 5:1-5

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I want to reflect on St. Paul's words, "Suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us." These words provide us with great comfort and powerful inspiration that even in times of adversity, there is always hope.

Suffering is a test for us. It reveals what is truly within us, and when we endure and put our trust in God in the face of adversity, we are stronger. Our faith becomes real, like gold purified in fire. We realize that our lives are not constructed on shifting sand but on the firm rock of God's love. And this leads to hope, but not the kind of hope that the world provides, which can fail us, but a certain hope. Because, as Jesus states, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Thus, if you are carrying a load and going through a difficult time today, take heart. You are not alone. You stand in grace because Christ's peace keeps you, and the Spirit strengthens you. And this hope, Paul assures us, will never fail. Let us live peacefully. Let us face our problems with courage. And let us hold onto the love that has already been poured into us.