

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" - Romans 8:35    "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise." - Ephesians 1:13    The Bible calls us to rejoice always in the Lord. Yet we often ask ourselves: How can we rejoice when we are in pain, or walking through trials and tribulation? The answer reaches far beyond our physical circumstances. It rests in the eternal security and unshakable joy given to every believer. The moment we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and trusted Him as our personal Lord and Savior, we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Because of this, we can never be separated from the love of God. Our joy is not rooted in what we feel today, but in the eternal hope that awaits us. We belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to us, and nothing in heaven or on earth can break that bond. The sufferings of this present time are real, but they are not worthy to be compared with the glory that will one day be revealed in us (Romans 8:18). This is why we can rejoice—even in hardship—because our future in Christ is secure, glorious, and everlasting. To all who labor and are heavy laden, the Lord Jesus Christ extends His invitation. Believe in Him, trust in Him, and find rest for your soul.    Praise the Lord!