**First, Rejoice In the Already - Hope (12)**

1. Live In The In Between = Overlap of Ages = Xp Has Come = Our Salvation—Redemption = Accomplished
   1. ***Battle*** Won—***Gathering*** His Church =***Firstfruits*** of New Age =***& Yet*** ***Await*** His Coming & Consummation
   2. David Briones—“*We already possess every spiritual blessing in Christ, but we do not experience the fullness of these blessings yet. In one sense, we are already adopted, redeemed, sanctified, and saved; in another, these experiences are not yet fully ours*…*we live for now in “the overlap of the ages*”
2. **(12)** Captures ***This*** Tension ***= In Which*** You & I ***Must*** Live ***Until*** Jesus ***Comes*** ***Back*** = ***Already***—Not ***Yet***
   1. Already ***of What Jesus*** Accomplished & Promised In Incarnation = ***But*** Not ***Be Completed*** Until ***Returns***
3. Paul ***Telling Us*** How To ***Live In*** = The In Betw/ = ***How*** To Experience ***Life*** = Hold ***Together*** Promise & Pain
   1. ***How*** Past & Future = ***Relates*** To Our Present ***Experience*** = Thru ***Hope*** & Patience & Prayer
4. **(12)** ***Rejoice*** In Hope = ***Words*** Mean ***Exactly*** Same ***In Greek*** = Order ***Reversed***—Yoda= ***In Hope***, Rejoice!
   1. ***Our Father*** Regularly ***Calls Us*** To Joy & Hope = ***But*** Text ***Reminds Us*** = Joy ***Must*** Flow ***From*** Hope
   2. ***IOW*** Not ***Talking*** @ Fake ***Cheerfulness*** = Generic ***Xpian*** ***Niceness*** = Not ***Saying*** = Be ***Happy*** = Paste On
   3. Saying = ***Find*** Joy = ***Be Filled*** W/ Praise = ***As Word*** Of Xp ***Dwells*** Richly ***In Us*** = Truths & Promises
5. ***We Stand*** In Position & Possession = ***Of Every*** Spiritual Blessing ***in Xp*** = Rom. 5:2—“*We have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God*.”
6. ***We Stand*** In Hope ***of Glory*** of God = ***Chose Us*** In Xp ***Before*** World 🡪 ***At Right Time*** = Jesus ***Died*** For Us
   1. Paid Penalty of Our Sin = In Time God ***Brought Us*** From Death ***To Life*** = Called Us ***By Spirit***
   2. ***Out*** of Darkness ***Into*** Light = ***Out*** of Kingdom ***of Darkness*** = Into ***Kingdom*** of His Dear Son
   3. ***Sanctified***—Set Apart & Raised ***W/ Xp*** =Saved & Redeemed—Loved & Accepted—Adopted & Protected
   4. ***He Will*** Never ***Leave Us*** Or Forsake Us = ***Began*** Good Work ***In Us*** = Promises ***To Finish*** = Day ***of Xp***
7. ***God*** = Our Father—***Christ*** = Our Brother—***HS*** Our Comforter 🡪 ***Heaven*** = True ***Home***
   1. Phil. 3:20-21—“*Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body*” = Citizens ***of Heaven*** = Awaiting ***Resurrection***
   2. David Briones—“*Faith in Christ secures our physical resurrection in the not yet, but faith in Christ also results in spiritual resurrection in the already. The two are inseparable*…*We will enter eternal life then because we have eternal life now.”* = It Is In Hope = We Rejoice! = In Certain Hope Of All God Promised
   3. Find Joy—Experience Joy In Overwhelming—Soul Flooding—Heart Wrenching Glories of Redemption
8. Blessings of Present Age = Deposit—Down Payment—Guarantee of Greater Fullness of Blessings To Come
   1. God Guaranteed ***Promises*** W/ Earnest ***Payment*** = Living—Loving—Comforting—Empowering ***Presence***
9. Like Wealthy Father Puts Child’s Inheritance In Trust = Billion Dollars = Not Full Access Until Age 25
   1. ***While*** Awaits ***Full*** Inheritance = ***Father*** Arranged ***Provisional*** Payments = ***Installments*** To Live On
   2. ***So*** Child ***Enjoys*** = Security ***of Father’s*** Provision = ***Also*** Serves = ***As*** ***Guarantee***—Certainty ***of Inheritance***
   3. One Day = Enter Full Ownership = Full Experience = Into Full Joy = Of Father’s Rich Inheritance
10. Eph. 1:13-14—***We*** "*were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory” =* Sealed = ***But*** Await ***Full*** Blessing & Consummation
11. ***Rejoice*** In This Hope = ***Find*** Joy ***In Hope*** of Our Redemption & Promises ***That Are*** Ours ***In Jesus Christ***
    1. Phil. 4:4—"*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice*.” = Always = Bec/ These Always True

**Second, Be Patient In Tribulation - In the Not Yet (12)**

1. Be Patient In ***The In Betw***/ = In Not Yet = ***Time*** of Down Payments & Waiting = ***Live*** In Tension ***of Waiting***
2. Patience = Not ***Normal*** Word ***For Patience*** = Almost ***Always*** Translated = ***Endurance***—***Long-Suffering***
   1. So Idea = Continue Firm—Persevere = Stand Strong In Tribulation & Suffering =
3. Tribulation—***Thlipsis*** = “*literally pressure, pressing together” 🡪* NT ***Word*** Picture *= “Suffering brought on by outward circumstances, affliction, oppression, trouble”* = Of All Kinds of***Suffering*** = In Fallen World
   1. Paul Saying = Our Joy ***In Hope*** of Gospel = ***Fuels*** Patience ***In Midst*** of Current Struggles & Suffering
4. We Are ***People*** of Certain ***Hope*** 🡪 Living ***In World*** of Certain ***Tribulation*** = This ***Tension*** Shape ***of Lives***
   1. ***Our Hope*** = Confident ***Expectation*** of Jesus’ ***Triumphal*** Return = ***Eternal*** Glories ***That*** Must ***Follow***
   2. ***Fuels*** Endurance ***Now*** = Strength & Courage ***In Experience*** of All ***Must*** Pass Thru = ***On Our Way*** Home
   3. Rom. 5:2-5—“***We rejoice*** *in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, & 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”*= We Rejoice ***In Hope*** =In Face ***of Suffering*** = Become ***Stronger***
   4. Endurance = ***Increasing*** Faith = ***Growing*** Strength & Courage = ***Shapes*** Character = Hope & Confidence
5. James 5:7-8—"*Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.* ***Establish*** *your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand*.” = Establish ***Your Hearts*** = Be Firm
6. Rev. 1:9*—"I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance* ***that are in Jesus***” = Kingdom—Patience & Endurance = ***Need***—Long For = ***He Says*** = In Christ Jesus
   1. This ***Why*** Immediately ***Says*** Need ***To Pray*** All the Time = ***Prayer*** = As Way ***of Life*** = Talking ***To Jesus***

**Finally, Pray - All the Time (12)**

1. Paul Not ***Randomly*** Throwing Out ***Ideas*** = Deliberately ***Training*** Our Hearts = ***Spiritual*** Sequence
2. Be Constant = ***Spend*** Lot of Time = ***IOW*** = By Persevering ***In Prayer*** = Way ***To Persevere*** In Tribulation
   1. ***Let*** Prayer ***Be Constant*** Companion =***Same*** As Saying = ***Let*** Jesus ***Be Constant*** Companion = ***Talk*** To Him
   2. Our Father ***Holds*** = Our Past ***Redemption***—Our Present ***Suffering***—Future ***Glory*** = In Sovereign ***Hands***
   3. ***As Walk*** W/ Jesus—***Abide*** In Jesus ***Thru*** Lifestyle ***of Prayer*** = ***Find*** Joy & Strength = ***To Endure***
   4. Rom. 8:18-19, 23—"*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God* [Sons & Daughters]*…not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,* ***groan*** *inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*”
   5. We Groan—***Eagerly*** Wait = Present Sufferings In Tension W/ Coming Glory
3. ***Groaning*** = Involuntary ***Rising*** ***of Soul*** To God = ***Both*** Desire & Prayer = ***Exactly*** What ***Says*** Next
   1. Rom. 8:25-27—"*But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with* ***patience****. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*”
   2. If You Have Lived Long Enough = ***There Are*** Those ***In Sound*** of My Voice = ***Who*** Profoundly ***Suffered***
   3. ***Lost*** Parents—Siblings—Children—Grandchildren = ***Long List of*** Loses—Struggles—Suffering
   4. What ***Rises*** From Soul = Longing Prayer 🡪 Sometimes We Find Words = Sometimes Spiritual Groan
4. ***Thlipsis***—Tribulation = ***Very*** Nature ***of Fallen*** World = ***Elsewhere*** Paul ***Says*** = Under ***Power*** of Evil One
   1. Shooting In Uvalde = Think of Those Parents = Groan & Pray = Another & Another = ***In Chattanooga***
   2. War In Ukraine = 10s of Thousands Dead = Men—Women—Children = Traumatizing Whole World
   3. ***Find*** Myself ***Groaning***—***Praying*** At Every ***News Story*** = God ***Be Merciful*** To Us = ***Strength*** To Endure
5. Col. 1:11-14—"*May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all* ***endurance******and patience with joy****, giving* ***thanks*** *to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins*.” = Here Prayer W/ Words
6. Pleading For Spiritual Power = Strength & Courage To Patiently Endure = Rejoicing In Hope Ours In Xp Jesus
7. Heb. 10:23-25—"*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” =* Let Us ***Consider*** = Think About = Commit To Ways = To Help Each Other Stand Strong
8. Let Us Rejoice Together In Our Hope = Stir & Encourage ***Each*** Other = ***Fan*** Faith & Courage = ***To Flame***