1. The believer in Christ has already been justified through faith and already has peace with God through their Lord Jesus Christ. Once someone has been saved, nothing can separate them from God’s love.
2. As the character of the believer grows, they are growing more and more into the image of Christ as they walk with Him through the work of the Holy Spirit. This is God’s work of sanctification in the believer’s life.
3. Sufferings that lead to endurance are evidence of the believer’s justification, which result in Christ-like character that is evidence of a believer’s sanctification. When the believer is both justified and sanctified, they experience hope that cannot be broken.
4. God’s love is infinitely superior to our love. Christ died for His people while they were still living in sin against Him. Since Christ died for His people while they were at their weakest, He shall never abandon them in the future.
5. Those who are trusting in the work of Christ for their salvation have been justified, have been saved from the Father’s wrath, have been reconciled to Him, have received Christ’s righteousness as their own, and can now rejoice in God forever and ever.

Application

1. If you profess to be a Christian, look for evidence of your salvation in your life. Are you rejoicing in your sufferings? Are you demonstrating Christ-like character? Do you see increasing evidence of hope in the life to come?
2. Remember that once someone has been justified through faith, all the promises of God in Christ are theirs already. Let this truth fuel a stronger trust and hope in Christ and what He has already accomplished for His people who look to His great work in the Gospel.
3. Since God has such amazing love for His people, go share the love of God with those in your life who do not know Him. Tell them of the mercy of Jesus Christ for all those who would repent and put their trust in Him.