

“Practicing the Basics of Christian Living”
Romans 15:7-13

Romans 15:1-7 Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

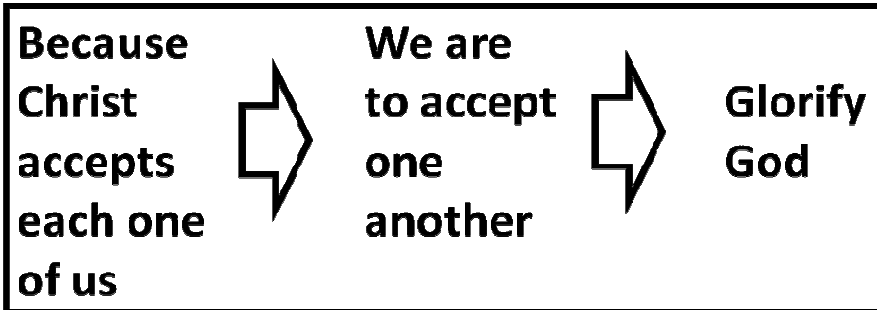
⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” ¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

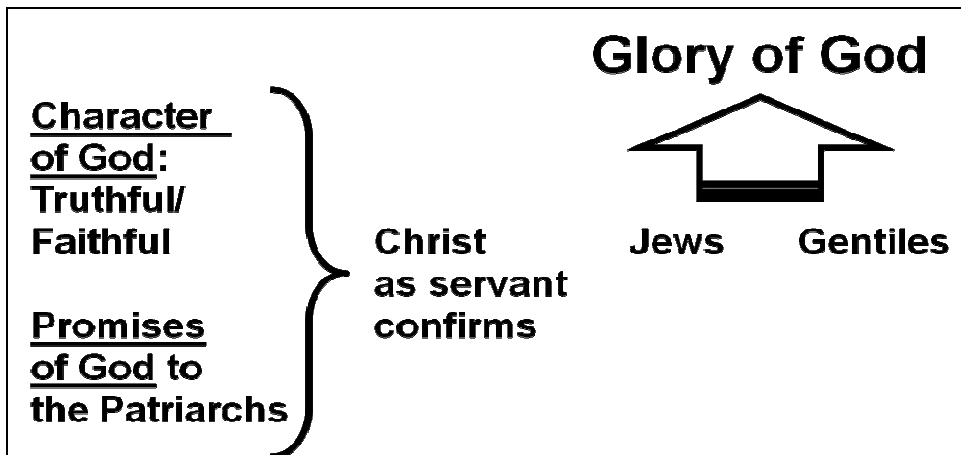
¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

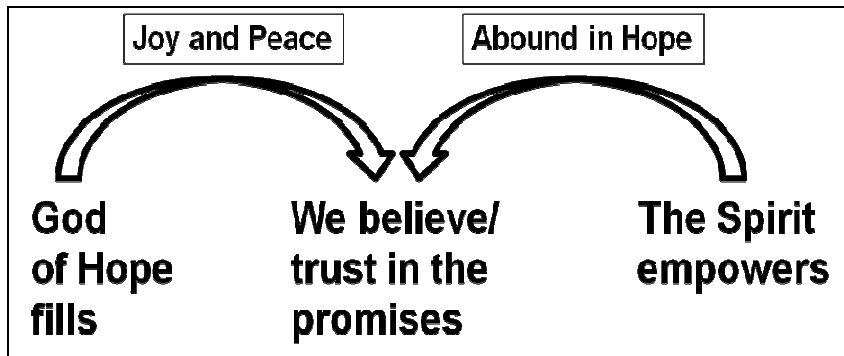
1. Live _____, not _____.
(Romans 15:7)



2. Know _____ and your role _____.
(Romans 15:8-12)



3. Trust in _____ and _____.



Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Read Romans 15:7-13 and identify God’s faithfulness to his promises to Israel. What observations can you make from the following passages: Romans 1:2; 3:1-8; 9:4-5; 11:1-2, 28?
- What do you discover about the inclusion of Gentiles in the people of God? Include the following passages in your observations: Romans 3:21-31; 4:12-17; 9:24-25, 30; 10:9-13; 11:28-30.
- How would these observations help us to “accept” or “welcome” each other?

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 15:7-13 and let’s focus our attention on “hope.” From the following verses in Romans, “in whom” or “in what” do we hope and what do we hope for? See Romans 4:18; 5:2, 4, 5 (notice the developmental process in these verses); 8:20, 24, 25 (notice that this hope is by faith, not by sight, and that “with perseverance we wait eagerly for it”); 12:12; 15:4, 12, 13, 24.
- How would you define hope? How would biblical hope be different from our cultural hope? Identify what we typically place our hope in and contrast that with biblical hope. Discuss with someone how you can begin putting your hope fully in the Lord and His promises.

Friday-Saturday

- According to Romans 15:13, how does hope increase? What is God’s role? What is our role? Notice that He is the “God of hope” who speaks promises (vv. 9-12). Notice the source of power (Romans 8:6-7; 1 Corinthians 2:14). What role does believing or faith have?
- What can you do this week to develop hope? What impact will hope have upon your life? Discuss with a friend what the Lord is teaching you and developing within you.