**Hope in God – Rom. 15:13**

**Review:**

I hope in God because I am born again

I hope in God because of my trials

I hope in God because of God’s promises

I hope in God because of God’s word

I hope in God because Jesus Christ my high priest is alive in heaven

**Focal Truth: I hope in God because the Holy Spirit strengthens my hope**

Paul reminds the Roman church Jews or Gentiles they were to trust, hope & glorify God

**The God of hope** **blesses those who believe in Jesus Christ with growing hopefulness**

**Observations**

1. **My hope in God is Jesus Christ my Lord – 15:12**

*In Him shall the Gentiles hope*

1. Christ became a servant to Jews to confirm the promises made to the fathers 15:8
2. Christ became a servant to the Gentiles so they might glorify God for His mercy shown to them -15:9 -12

15:9 – Ps.18:49 – *I will give praise to you among the Gentiles & I will sing your name*

15:10 – Deut. 32:43 – *rejoice O Gentiles with His people*

15:11 – Ps.117:1 – *praise the Lord all you Gentiles & let all peoples praise Him*

15:12 – Isa. 11:10 *– there shall come the root of Jesse & He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, in Him shall the Gentiles hope*

1. Hope in God is through a personal faith relationship with Jesus Christ

Col. 1:27 – *to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is* ***Christ in you the hope of glory***

1. Hope in God produces praise for the Lord Jesus Christ the savior of Jews & Gentiles
2. Hope in God produces joy because Jesus Christ the Lord saves!

 **Hallelujah, all I have is Christ! – that is what it is to hope in Jesus Christ**

 He is my savior, my Lord, my shepherd, my high priest, my king!

1. **The God of Hope fills me with joy & peace because of my faith in Jesus Christ the Lord 15:13**

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing…*

1. The God of hope sent the Lord Christ to bring hope to the hopeless

Matt. 12:19 – 21 – *a battered reed he will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory and in His name the Gentiles will hope*

 John 14:26 -27 – *but the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my*

 *name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to*

 *you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give*

 *to you. Do not let your heart be troubled nor fearful*

1. The God of hope sent the Holy Spirit to fill the hopeless with joy & peace

Rom.14:17 – *the kingdom of God is not eating & drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*

Gal. 5:22 – *but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness*

1. Joy & peace come from the Spirit as we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ – “all joy & peace in believing”

2 Tim. 1:12 – *for I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day*

1. **My hope in God grows because of the power of the Holy Spirit – 15:13**

*so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*

1. Hope grows by the power of the Holy Spirit – “so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

**abound = to overflow, like a flower growing from a bud to full bloom**

 2 Cor. 1:5 – *just as the suffering of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort*

 *abundant through Christ*

1. Holy Spirit strengthens the mind, emotions & desires of believers

Eph. 3:16 – *he would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man*

 **Strengthened = to increase in strength, to grow stronger**

1. Growing hopefulness is a mark of the power of the Holy Spirit in those who believe in Christ

Col. 1: 10 -12 – so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord…strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness & patience joyously giving thanks to the Father…

Growing hope in God patiently waits on God in all circumstances

Growing hope in God joyfully hopes in God in all circumstance

Growing hope in God thanks God in all circumstance

**Things to Remember**

1. The God hope gives hope to the hopeless through Jesus Christ the Lord
2. Hope in God fills the soul of those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit strengthens hope in God
4. Hope grows as we wait on God – Lam.3:24 -25 – the Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I have hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him

**Daily Use**

1. Come to the Lord Jesus Christ in your hopelessness
2. Yield to the Holy Spirit who gives joy & peace to those who trust in Jesus Christ
3. Be filled with the Spirit – you will experience the renewing & strengthening power of hope in God in all the circumstances of life

**Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit**