

The God of Hope 2022-11-20

Romans 15:13

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.

Hope is an amazing thing: encourage to endure ...without =depression/give up

- Short sighted/temporal hope fade quickly when there is no change: marriage/sick
 - Far-sighted/eternal hope produces joy/peace even without change.
Example: Brandon
 - Jesus Christ is the source, giver, object of all Christians' hope.

Romans starts without hope for anyone >then lays foundation for hope (salvation by grace>faith>Jesus Christ) > followed by how these truths should be practically lived out.

- Romans' main argument concludes in 15:7-13 with abounding hope.

God made covenant promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Genesis 12:2, 22:17, 26:3, Romans 4:11

- God did not fulfill His promises because Israel was faithful but because of His grace.
 - Jesus was a servant to Jews to confirm/fulfill promises made to patriarchs.
Romans 15:8, 9:4

God chose Israel and made covenants only with them but He is not theirs alone.

- Gentiles are not included in covenant promises yet God graciously purposed blessed Gentiles through Jesus Christ as their Messiah and His covenants with Israel. Romans 15:9-12

4 Old Testament quotes remind Jews of the promises to patriarchs including reception of Gentiles.

- encourage weaker Jew to accept Gentile brothers since they are part of God's family and exhorts stronger Gentiles to accept Jewish brothers since promises through Jews.
 - Thus neither group should look down on other.

Gentiles salvation is not alternative plan because of Israel's unbelief/rebellion against God.

- God's plans/purposes in eternity past included Gentiles in God's people.
 - 'You are NOT an afterthought, 2nd place trophy but a forethought/precious.
 - vs 9-13 help Gentiles abound in hope. Ephesians 2:12, John 4:22, Romans 15:13

Hope not "Pollyanna positive" that denies reality.

- hope confidently rests on God's promises regardless of circumstances.
 - Hope is by-product of Holy Spirit's work by creating faith/trust in God and His blood-bought promises. Hebrews 11:6, John 1:1, Romans 15:13, 10:17
- without Jesus' promises to patriarch's unfulfilled and Gentiles never able to glorify God.

- That why: Jesus is source, giver, object of all Christians' hope.
 - without Jesus, there is no true hope beyond the grave. Galatians 5:22, 2 Corinthians, 1 Thessalonians 4

Hope in promises of God produces fruit of joy/peace.

- peace relates to assurance God does as He promised.
- joy is inner delight in God/His promises and anticipation of hopes fulfill.
 - Foundation of our joy is knowing we are reconciled to sovereign God.
- Experience God's filling of joy/peace as we believe promises of God with far-sighted/eternal hope even when nothing changes.....Like Brandon

Divine/eternal purpose save Jews/Gentiles bringing united/harmonious praise of God.

- 1 salvation/New Covenant/church/people of God ALL accomplished by Jesus Christ serving us.
 - Jesus' ministry confirms God's truthfulness to Jews and His mercy to Gentiles.
 - Jesus Christ is Messiah of Israel and only hope of Gentiles.
 - Jesus Christ is source, giver, object of all Christians' hope.