

HOPE for Jews and Gentiles ~ Romans 15:1-13

→Scripture Reading Rom. 15:1-3, 4-5, 7, 13

INTRODUCTION

Galatians 2:4 (NLT) ...that question came up only because of some so-called Christians there... They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the FREEDOM we have IN Christ Jesus. They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations.

Galatians 2:16 (NIV) ...know that a man is not justified BY observing the law, BUT by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and NOT by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

^{14:1} ACCEPT him whose faith is WEAK, without passing judgment on **Disputable Matters**.

The phrase Non-Essentials is used to describe beliefs or practices that are NEITHER required nor prohibited by Scripture. NLTSB

14:1-12- STOP Judging your brothers and sisters in Christ **-OR- STOP Condemning** them

^{14:3} The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, **-AND-** the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.

14:13-23- Do NOT purposely TRIP UP your brother or sister in Christ

^{14:19} Let us therefore make every effort TO DO what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

15:1-13- HOPE for Gentile and Jewish Believers comes by **ACCEPTING** One Another

^{15:7} Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

ACCEPT One Another ~ Romans 15:1-7

¹We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³For even Christ did not please Himself but, as it is written: The insults of those who insult You have fallen on me.

John 1:10 (HCS) He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him.

⁴For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

⁷ So open your hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to you, and God WILL be glorified. (JBP)

IMPLICATIONS

⁴For everything that was written in the PAST was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is USEFUL for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ SO THAT the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

IMPLICATIONS

⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of UNITY among yourselves AS you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When believers live in HARMONY with one another they give the outside world a better VIEW of God. Barnhouse

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, To Jesus I repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies, My silent spirit sighs, May Jesus Christ be praised!
When evil thoughts molest, With this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day When from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear When this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Overflowing with HOPE ~ Romans 15:8-13

⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ⁹ so that the Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to Your Name. ¹⁰ Again, it says, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people.

Christ Came as a Servant to the Jews Showing... vs. 8

- us that God IS TRUTH
- us that He KEEPS His Promises

Jesus Also Came so that... vs. 9

- the Gentiles might PRAISE God
- because of His MERCY

A series of O.T. quotes to show that the Gentiles were ALWAYS - part of God's PLAN

¹¹ And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to Him, all you peoples. ¹² And again, Isaiah says, The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him. ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Those who abound in HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit have no time to quarrel over nonessentials. Our common HOPE is a powerful unifying force in the Christian life. MacDonald

TAKE AWAY ??

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. THEN you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ RULE in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the WORD of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you DO, whether in WORD or DEED, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.