

Trinitarian Hope

Romans 15:8–13

- CHRIST has a DUAL purpose in the INCARNATION.
(vv 8--9a)
- THE FATHER'S plan has always INCLUDED the Gentiles.
(vv 9b--12)
- THE HOLY SPIRIT grants us PEACE and JOY through FAITH in Christ, leading to ABOUNDING HOPE.
(v 13)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What is hope to a Christian? How does the Christian definition differ from the non-Christian definition? Romans 15:4, 1 Peter 1:3
2. Read Romans 15:8-9a. How does Christ's coming show God's truthfulness and make it so that the Gentiles give glory to God for His mercy? Romans 1:16 (can you recite it?), Romans 4:16, Romans 11:29-30
3. Do you believe that God's plan of redemption included the Gentiles from the beginning? Why or why not?
4. Read Romans 15:9-12. In what ways do you see a progression in the way that the Gentiles are spoken of? How does the Gentiles' relationship to God change throughout those verses?
5. In what ways do we see a Messianic fulfillment when we compare verse 9b to verse 12? For some additional context, read Psalm 18:43 (Psalm 18:49 is cited in Romans 15:9), then Matthew 12:15-21 (which also quotes from Isaiah 11:10, which is cited in Romans 15:12).
6. See Romans 15:13. What are some areas of the Christian walk where faith must be given priority? What are some areas where love, grace, and peace must be given priority? Romans 10:9, Romans 14:17, Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 10:31
7. Consider ways in which you are the "stronger brother." Consider ways in which you are the "weaker brother." How has our study of Romans 14:1-15:13 impacted your view of your personal convictions?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

