

Benediction – 3

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Romans 15:7-13

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Romans 15:13 *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.*

Accepted to Accept [vs. 7]

- Revisiting Pentecost
- Revisiting the Roman Road

A Better Hope [vv. 8-12]

- Promises and Mercy
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Do You Believe? [v. 13]

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The benediction of Paul to the Christians in Rome is a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness. God, who keeps His promises for a thousand generations continues to be the source of our hope today. As your faith grows firm, you can be filled with joy and peace because of the work of the Holy Spirit in you. How do you see this benediction at work in your life today?

Deuteronomy 7:9, Numbers 23:19, Hebrews 10:23

Look back on moments in your life when God demonstrated His faithfulness to you personally, and consider the promises of Scripture that you rely on most during difficult times.

How has God's faithfulness affected you over the years? How has God fulfilled His promises in your life?

2 Peter 3:14-15, Romans 1:16

Your own personal stories of God's faithfulness are a powerful testimony to those around you. Are you living your life so that the hope of God is evident? How is hope at work in you during difficult circumstances?

Talk to someone about the blessing in Romans 15:13, either in small groups or one-on-one, using the following guide.

1. Share moments in your life when your hope in God produced joy and peace. How have those moments affected you?
2. As you remember those moments, consider how the people around you responded to the hope in you. How might you use those moments as part of your personal testimony today?
3. Consider together how you might use personal difficulties today as an opportunity to share your hope with others.
4. Pray with one another about the people you will encounter this week. Ask God to make you aware of opportunities to bless them through your actions and words of benediction.