



# ROMANS

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## Hope of the Gospel

Romans 15: 8-13

God's plan has always been to bring both Jew and Gentile into His kingdom. In the early church, this unity was difficult to grasp, but Paul shows from the Old Testament that the gospel was never meant for one group alone—it is for all people.

Because of this, we are called to boldly proclaim Jesus Christ to everyone. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. The gospel must go to all people—regardless of race, nationality, or background (Matthew 28:18-20).

Paul closes this passage with a powerful prayer, asking God to fill His unified people with joy, peace, and overflowing hope.

### I. THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE (vv. 8–12)

#### a. Gospel Inclusivity — The Invitation Is for Everyone

The gospel declares that God's salvation is available to all people. It is not based on ethnicity, status, or personal merit, but on faith.

There is no distinction—anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:12-13).

From the beginning, God's plan included the nations. Paul supports this by drawing from the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms, showing that the inclusion of the Gentiles was always part of God's design (Psalm 18:49, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, Isaiah 11:10).

What made the gospel scandalous in the first century was not who it excluded—but who it included. The early church itself reflected this:

- A businesswoman (Lydia)
- A slave girl
- A Gentile jailer
- God was making it clear: the gospel is for everyone.



## **b. Gospel Exclusivity — The Way Is Through Christ Alone**

While the invitation is open to all, the way of salvation is not plural—it is singular.

Jesus alone is the way to God (Acts 4:12, John 10:7-10, Matthew 7:14)

- He is the only mediator between God and humanity
- Salvation is found in no one else
- Faith in Him is required

“The gospel is an exclusive truth but it’s the most inclusive exclusive truth in the world.” Tim Keller

This truth sets Christianity apart: All are welcome—but all must come through Christ.

## **II. THE GOSPEL PRODUCES ABOUNDING HOPE (v. 13)**

Because the gospel unites all believers into one people, it also fills them with one shared hope.

Paul prays that God would:

- Fill believers with joy
- Fill them with peace
- Cause them to overflow with hope
- This is not shallow optimism—it is deep, Spirit-filled confidence.

### **a. The Source of Our Hope Is God**

Hope is not rooted in circumstances but in God Himself—the “God of hope.” Because He is faithful, our hope is secure.

### **b. The Strength of Our Hope Comes from the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit produces and sustains this hope within us. He empowers believers to live with confidence.



“We are united in Christ by a common birth, by precious blood, and by one belief.” John Phillips

Ephesians 4:3–7 (NASB95) 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

## **TAKEAWAYS**

1. The truth of the gospel unites believers and gives us a common mission, share the gospel with everyone, make disciples!
2. The truth of the gospel fills believers with joy, peace, and hope!