



This is Hope

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Key Scriptures : Romans 15:4-13

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Reading & Prayer

4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. 8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, 9 and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

"Therefore I will give praise to You among the Gentiles, And I will sing to Your name."

10 Again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

11 And again,

"Praise the Lord all you Gentiles, And let all the peoples praise Him."

12 Again Isaiah says,

"There shall come the root of Jesse, And He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, In Him shall the Gentiles hope."

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.

start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

read the scripture

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

Is there one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses upon you? Meditate on that.

How does this Scripture relate to : **Knowing God's Story - Knowing Christ In You - Knowing God's Mission?**

start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

How would you describe **hope**?

How does scripture define **anchoring hope**? (read Hebrews 6:13-20)

How does the security of **eternal hope** help us have hope in this life?

How do God's promises influence where our **hope** is placed?

What is the fruit of **hope**? **What makes having hope different from a life without hope?**

start sharing. engage it with your story

How do you know if you are hopeful?

How can you identify places in your life where you have no / little hope? What are the signs?

In what ways do we hope? What is our hope after? (things...experiences...a way of life?)

start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

Voicing our **hope** to God this Christmas Season : I have **hope** that _____.

start praying. be bold and pray with power