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Romans 15:7-13

Jesus Christ, a Jew for Gentiles



Our 3 Questions

1. What does the text say?

- **Authorial intent to the intended audience.**

2. What does the text mean?

- **The timeless theological truth.**

3. How does this apply today?

- **What we ought to do with/because of this truth.**

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Preview

- **Reminder of the tension**
- **8-9a – Jesus was Jewish → God’s “truthfulness”**
 - **Confirming promises to Patriarchs**
 - **Gentiles glorify God for mercy**
 - **Jesus = object of promises & hope**
- **9b-12 – The four quotations**
- **13 – Paul’s book-end prayer**
 - **God of hope, peace and joy in belief, the Holy Spirit’s role, and our hope**

Context

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V. 7 “therefore” – V. 8-9 “for”

Historical Setting

Luke 4:16-29

Jesus reads Isaiah 61:1-2 – He is the one

22 – “And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’”

23-27 – Jesus reminds them that God sent His messengers to Gentiles too.

28-29 – They try to kill Him.

Paul's Engagement

Romans 1:16 –

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.

Romans 1:18-1:32 – Gentiles are sinners

Romans 2:1-29 – Jews are sinners

Romans 3:1-31 – Both are saved by Jesus through faith.

Paul's Engagement

Paul's Jewish, antagonistic dialogue partner.

Romans 3:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 27, 29

Romans 4:1, 9

Romans 6:1, 15

Romans 7:1, 7

Romans 9:6, 14, 10, 30-31

Romans 11:1, 7, 11

Romans 15:8a

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- **Jesus was Jewish**
- **Jesus was under the Law**
 - **Galatians 4:4**
- **Jesus' ministry was aimed at Israel**
 - **Matt. 15:24, Acts 1:8, Rom. 1:16-17**

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- Why is God's truthfulness important?
15:4 – "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."**

Romans 15:8b-9a

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- He confirms promises to the Patriarchs
- He brings in Gentiles, in mercy, for glory

Romans 4:13, 16-17a

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith...

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”

(Galatians 3:16 – Genesis 26 & 28:13-15)

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Why do Gentiles care if Jesus was Jewish?

- Gentiles need God's promises to be true
- Scripture includes promises to Gentiles
- The promises culminate in the mercy of God through the work of King Jesus

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Paul's four Old Testament quotations

1. Psalm 18:49

- **Jews praising among Gentiles**

2. Deuteronomy 32:43

- **Gentiles praising among Jews**

3. Psalm 117:1

- **Gentiles praise God for His love and faithfulness**

4. Isaiah 11:10

- **Gentiles hope in the Jewish Messiah**

Romans 15:13

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Romans 15:4-5

The God of Scripture

The God who makes good promises

The God whose faithfulness is proved in
the finished work of Jesus Christ

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Both joy and peace are a result of believing (trusting God who is faithful).

How?

Romans 10:8-10

Romans 5:1-2

Romans 15:13

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God the Holy Spirit helps us believe and have confidence that we are in Christ.

This culminates in hope for eternity.

Romans 8:9-11, 15-17, & 22-25

Review

15:8-9a

Jesus, a Jew, proved God's truthfulness by

- **Confirming promises to the Patriarchs**
- **Bringing in the Gentiles to glorify God**

15:9b-12

Scripture prophecies Gentile inclusion

15:13

**May the God who promises help you believe,
so that you can receive the benefits of the
Gospel.**

Applications

Unity of the Church

Trustworthiness of the Word

**The power of the Holy Spirit for belief
in the word, the gospel, for peace, joy,
and hope**

Questions

- The topic is about unity in the Church. Can you think of things of make you not feel unified with other Christians? What is it?
 - Race, age, political affiliation, socio-economic status? Something else?
 - Do you think that is justified? If not, what can you do to combat that in your heart?
- If you were to catalog your thoughts, what is it that you think about most, in terms of *the* problem(s) facing humanity?
- What about the chief solution to *the* problem(s)?
- If your previous answers didn't have to do with sin and separation from God and with Jesus Christ, then do your answers here have anything to do with your answers to the first few questions about division within the Church?
- One of the topics of the text is the view of Scripture. Do you have a hard time believing the Scripture's are true?
 - Have you ever engaged the Lord for His help in that area?