

“Growing and Glorifying as One”

Text: Romans 15:7-13

Scripture reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Reading: Romans 11:25-36

I. Unity of purpose – vv. 1-6

II. Inspiration of praise – vv. 7-13

A) Patterned reception – vs. 7

B) Promised mercy – vv. 8-12 (Rom. 3:10-18; Matt. 20:28)

1. Verse 9: Psalm 18:49 (II Sam. 22:50)

2. Verse 10: Deut. 32:43

3. Verse 11: Psalm 117:1

4. Verse 12: Isaiah 11:10

C) Petitioned intercession - vs. 13

Questions to consider for meditation:

1. From vs. 7, How does your being accepted by Christ, influence how you are to accept others in the body of Christ? In what ways would it not, (in other words, what are some areas/things we are not to accept in others)? What should be visible in your fellowship and unity with the body of Christ if God is to be glorified by it?
2. In what ways does singing (vv. 9-12) fulfill the call of vv. 5-6? Musical praise, as quoted in vs. 9 and 11 are a significant part of worship in the OT, as well as the NT. What advantage do you believe music provides, over just speaking words to one another?
3. From vs. 13, How does a biblical understanding of hope change how you are presently living? Consider where you are presently regarding the filling of God and the abounding in hope; what measure would you see in yourself – little-filled, half-filled, very-filled, partially-filled? What are some things in life that undermine the work of the Holy Spirit, as described in vs. 13?

“A Christian’s motto always is or always should be ‘Spero Meliora,’ I hope for better things. I hope for better things than any the world can give to me or than any that Satan can take from me. A Christian is always rich in hope, though he has not always a penny in hand.”

Thomas Brooks; Puritan preacher; 1608-1680

SERMON QUOTES:

B) Promised mercy – VV. 8-12

3. Verse 11: Psalm 117:1

James Boice,

“The third quotation carries the progression Paul has been developing a bit further. In the first (Ps. 18:49), David was praising God among the Gentiles. In the second (Deut. 32:43), Gentiles are praising God along with the Jews. In this third, from Ps. 117, the Gentiles are praising God on their own.”

C) Petitioned intercession - vs. 13

Robert Haldane,

“Joy and peace, as well as all other spiritual blessings, are communicated by God through faith, and through faith only, and in proportion to faith.”

Leon Morris,

“The believer’s experience of hope is always connected with the Holy Spirit and never a personal achievement of his own.”